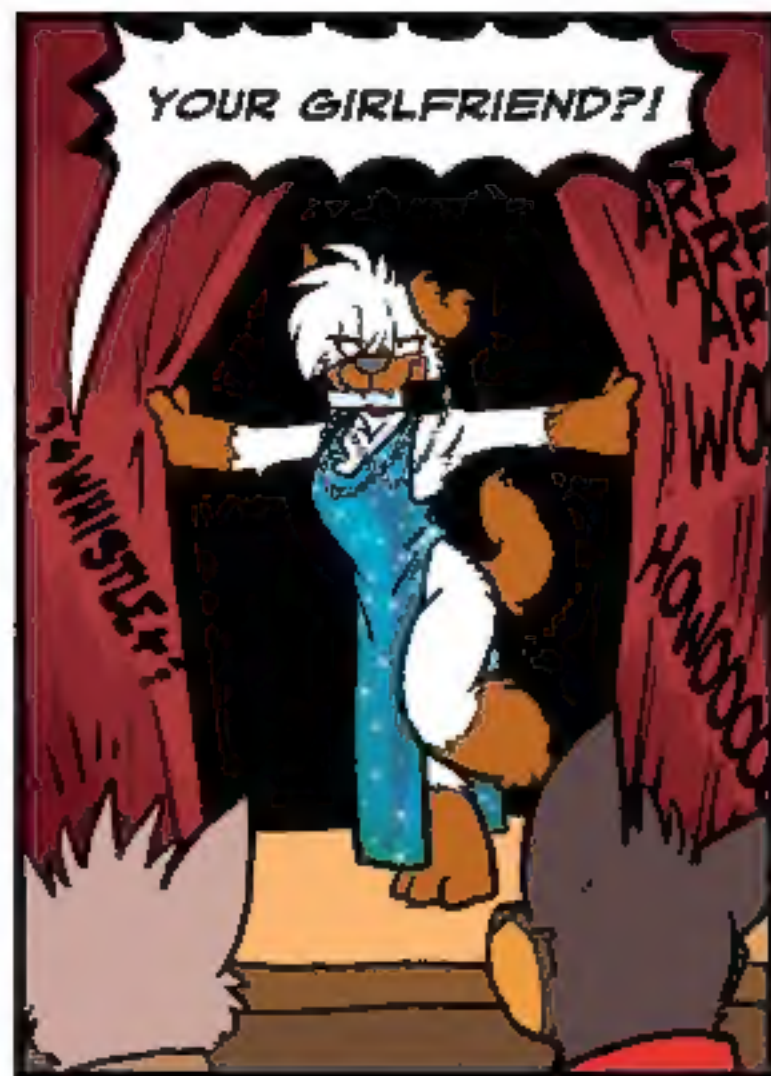




LESTER, IT'S YOUR TURN TO BUY TICKETS, SO WHEN ARE WE GONNA SEE **STAR WARS?**!

UH-OH, I THINK HE'S IN A STATE OF **HIPSTER PARALYSIS**

THE PREQUELS WERE FANBOY-CRUSHING, PLUS THE FRANCHISE HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A **WHOLE NEW STUDIO**, NOT TO MENTION THE UNPRECEDENTED **HYPE LEVEL**

IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SIGNS INDICATE HE SHOULD **DESPISE** THE NEW MOVIE, YET DESPITE GEEK CIRCLES TRENDING TOWARD OUTRIGHT CYNICISM, HE IS BAFLED AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD HOLD OUT **HOPE**

WHAT CAN WE DO?

I WOULD SUGGEST WE COLLAPSE HIS WAVE FUNCTION

LESTER! YOU CAN ALWAYS BUY THE TICKETS **IRONICALLY** AND CHANGE YOUR MIND LATER!

BUH . . . YEAH! I WAS GONNA DO THAT ALL ALONG!

OH, I MEANT BY INTRODUCING HIM TO A HARD SURFACE

GYH! THAT'S A MITE HOT

JUST SLIP IN
CAREFULLY, YOU'LL
GET USED TO IT

HIT& THE SPOT, DUNNIT?

HEHE, FEEL
LIKE I'M A MARSHMALLOW
BOBBING IN A MUG
OF COCOA!

GUY&, THIS ISN'T A PROPER USE OF
THE POOL HEATER

THEN WHEN YOUR
HEATER BREAKS, YOU
CAN BORROW OUR TUB
HOW YOU LIKE

EXCEPT THAT IT &MELL&S
LIKE FISH &TEW ...

HI PEANUT, READY FOR YOUR
ART LESSON FOR TODAY?

YOU BET!

YOU GET THE
HOMEWORK
DONE?

EVEN BETTER!

I DREW COMICS INSTEAD!

WH--PEANUT, THE *POINT*
OF THIS IS TO LEARN
THE FUNDAMENTALS!

AND I AM LEARNING!

THEN I THOUGHT, "BASICS ARE
BORING, COMICS ARE AWESOME"

QUID PRO QUO

YOU'RE FORTUNATE
THAT MONEY *CAN*
BUY PATIENCE

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EARTH?

ORPHAN (TO SCALE)

SPOT (SUPERDOG), CHAMPION OF JUSTICE, CAME TO EARTH FROM THE PLANET ORPHAN, WHOSE INHABITANTS HAD EVOLVED TO PHYSICAL PERFECTION! TOO BAD IT KINDA BLEW UP AND KILLED EVERYONE, BUT THAT MEANS SPOT (SUPERDOG) GETS TO BE MORE AWESOME THAN LITERALLY EVERYONE ELSE ON EARTH!

SPOT SECRETLY WORKS AT THE SAME NEWSPAPER AS HIS GIRLFRIEND, STRIPE, TO IMPRESS HER

BANK ROBBERS!
WHAT ARE THE ODDS?
DO SOMETHING!

DANCE!

PISTOL WHIP!

OW! MY ENTIRE FACE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULDN'T LET YOURSELF GET SHOT!

BANK

IT'S OKAY, STRIPE, FOR SOME REASON THIS ROAD LEADS DIRECTLY INTO THE SIDE OF THE BANK!

AT THE TRIWEEKLY GLOBE...

DID YOU READ MY STORY ABOUT HOW GANGSTERS TOTALLY KICKED MY BUTT?

FORGET THAT! I HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR ONCE!

THIS LADY HAS QUITE THE "SCOOP" AS WE SAY IN THE NEWSPAPER BIZ

WHAT'S THE STORY, MORNING GLORY?

MY HUSBAND APPLIED TO AN EMPLOYMENT FIRM, AND THEY SENT HIM OUT-OF-TOWN-- I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE!

LEMME GUESS, ROADSIDE DIVORCE?

NO! IT'S DEFINITELY THE AGENCY! THEY SUSPICIOUSLY DENIED MY ACCUSATION DELIVERED BY MEANS OF A BRICK VIS A VIS THEIR WINDOW

I AM APPARENTLY A POLICE DETECTIVE!

SHE GONE!

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS SUSPICIOUS! THEY ONLY HIRE ONCE EVERY YEAR, AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE! AWAAAAAY

BUT AT THE AGENCY

HELLO, I'M SPOT WITH THE GLOBE

GET OUT YA BUM! WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE, AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY?!

WELP! I'M ALL OUT OF IDEAS! NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT PUNCHING

DANCE!

SPOT (superdog)

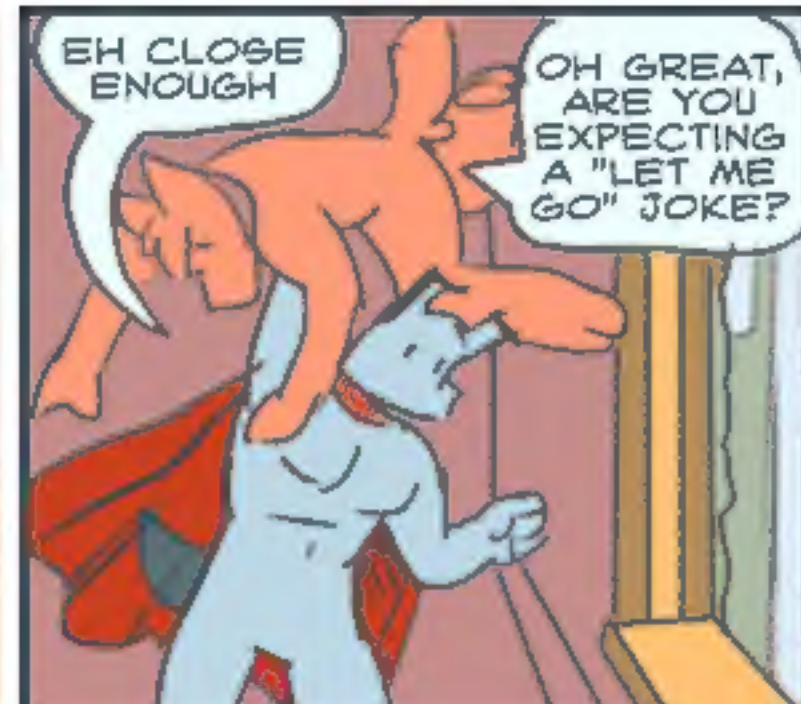
by Peanut Butter Sandwich

SPOT, WHO IS NOW APPARENTLY A REPORTER OR POSSIBLY DETECTIVE, AND ALSO SUPERDOG, INVESTIGATES A SUSPICIOUS "EMPLOYMENT AGENCY"...



GUYWHO'S ABOUT TO BE A PANCAKE SAYS WHAT

WHO ARE YOU?!



EH CLOSE ENOUGH

OH GREAT, ARE YOU EXPECTING A "LET ME GO" JOKE?



IF YOU'D OBLIGE!

WHATEVER! I'LL GIVE YOU SUPER SECRET INFORMATION



THE GUY YOU LOOK FOR HAS A HOOK FOR A HAND, AT THE HIDEAWAY HOTEL

BY THE WAY, I'M ONE DAY FROM RETIREMENT



SUDDENLY, BUSINESS NINJA!



OH COME ON! THE RETIREMENT GAG BUT NOT "LET GO"?

POISON DART!

DUKE?



HAHAHA! I KNOW YOU, SPOT SUPERDOG! YOU DO NOT KILL! I AM PERFECTLY--

WHOOPS TRIPPED!



WOW, I AM NOT VERY GOOD AT THIS



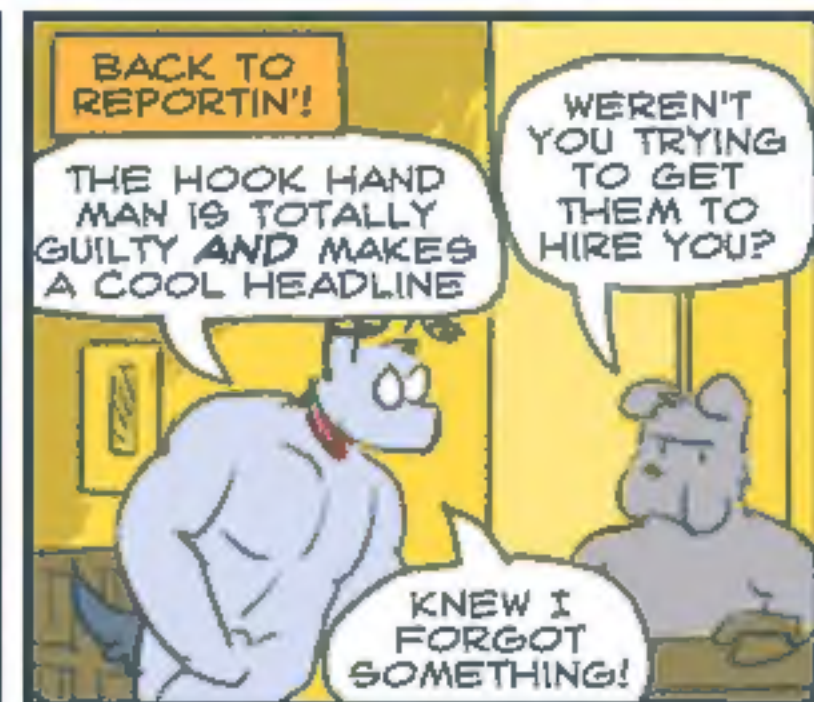
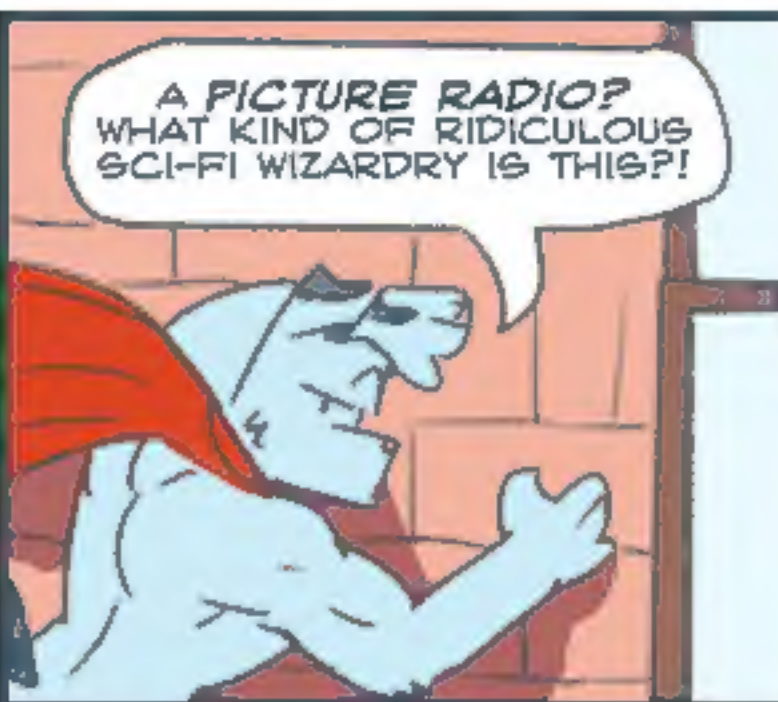
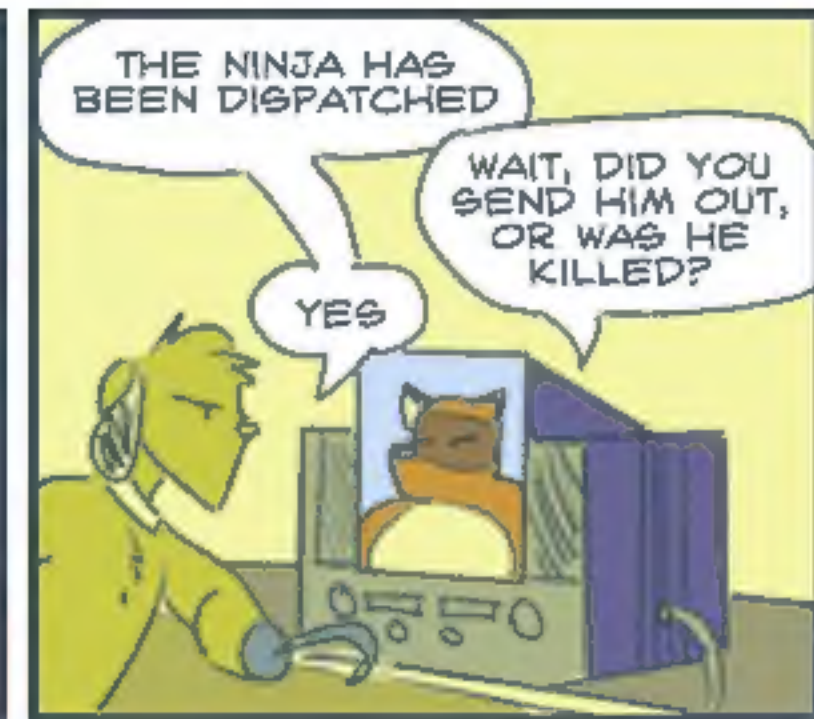
AND SO AT THE HOTEL!

HOOK HAND MAN PLEASE!

CERTAINLY! THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT PRIVATE INFORMATION!



REPORTING IS EASYyyy



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DO 1938 BUSES ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE THIS??(?)

SPOT (SUPERDOG) IS HIRED ON BY AN EMPLOYMENT AGENT, WHO PROMISES TO TAKE HIM TO "THE HAPPIEST LABOR CAMP ON EARTH"...

BUTT-END OF NOWHERE

"WARNING ELECTRIC FENCE, CERTAIN DEATH AND DELICIOUS CRISPNESS" UNUSUAL, BUT LET'S SEE WHERE THEY'RE GOING WITH THIS...

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE-- DOCTOR TANUKI!

COME, STARE INTO MY HYPNO-GOGGLES!

THEY FALL INTO TANUKI'S SUBTLE TRAP, EXCEPT SPOT!

???

ZIP ZOP ZOOP ZAROLE! YOU ARE UNDER MY CONTROL!

THAT'S KINDA WEIRD, BUT LET'S SEE WHERE HE'S GOING WITH THIS...

SPOT SOON FORGETS BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO WORK!

WHA-CHA! WHIP NOISE!

EASIEST \$1200 A WEEK EVER! I BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD ...

ALL YOU STRONGIES, TIME TO GO BACK IN!

AWW, BUT WE'VE ONLY BEEN WORKING FOR FIFTEEN HOURS!

HEY, HERE'S THE "GOODS"

LOOK IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK GANGSTER, DON'T TRY

WE'RE GONNA GO TO A PARADE AND SEE THE GOVERNOR!

YAY! I LOVE PARADES!

AND YOU WILL ALL BECOME MY BUSINESS NINJAS AND ASSASSINATE HIM!

...OKAY, BUT LET'S SEE WHERE HE'S GOING WITH THIS...

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SPOT, DISGUISED AS MILD-MANNERED REPORTER SPOT, DISGUISED AS BIG TOUGH GUY SPOT, PASSING FOR A HYPNOTISED SPOT, GOES TO SEE A PARADE FOR A JOB WELL DONE?...

TAKE THESE EXTREMELY LETHAL BOMBS I PICKED UP AT THE CORNER STORE

WAAAAIT A SECOND, THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL OF THIS!

I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ACTUAL SPHERICAL BOMB BEFORE! IT'S JUST LIKE IN CARTOONS! OH AND I SHOULD PROBABLY FOIL THE ASSASSINATION

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ATTENDING MY ONE-DAY-FROM-RETIREMENT-AS-GOVERNOR PARADE!

OOOOH HE SAID IT!!

EXCUSE ME, CAN I BORROW A CUP OF BOMB?

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY BOMBS AWAY!

UHH... BOMBS YOUR UNCLE? I GOT NOTHIN'

WAIT! WAIT! SOME DAYS YOU CAN GET RID OF A BOMB!

HEY! THERE WEREN'T ANY FIREWORKS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PARADE! THESE GUYS DON'T HAVE PERMITS!

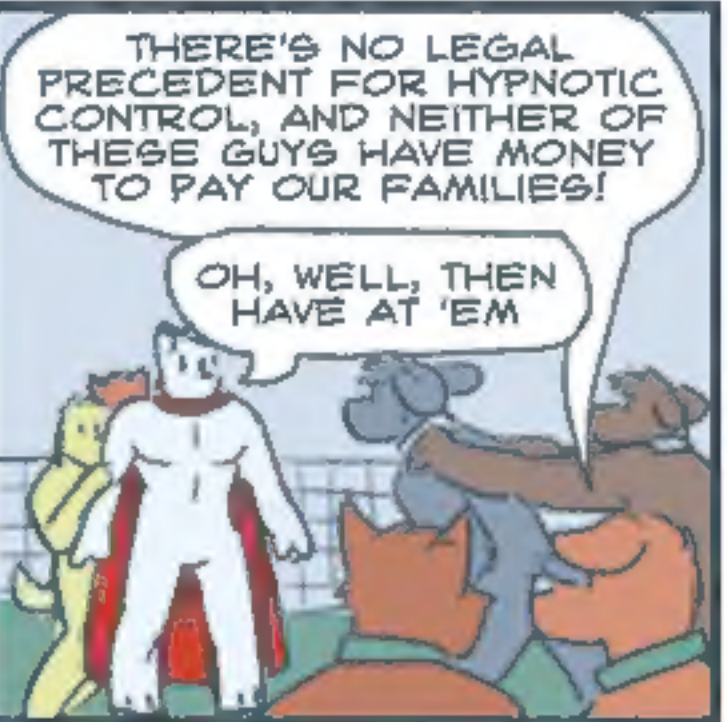
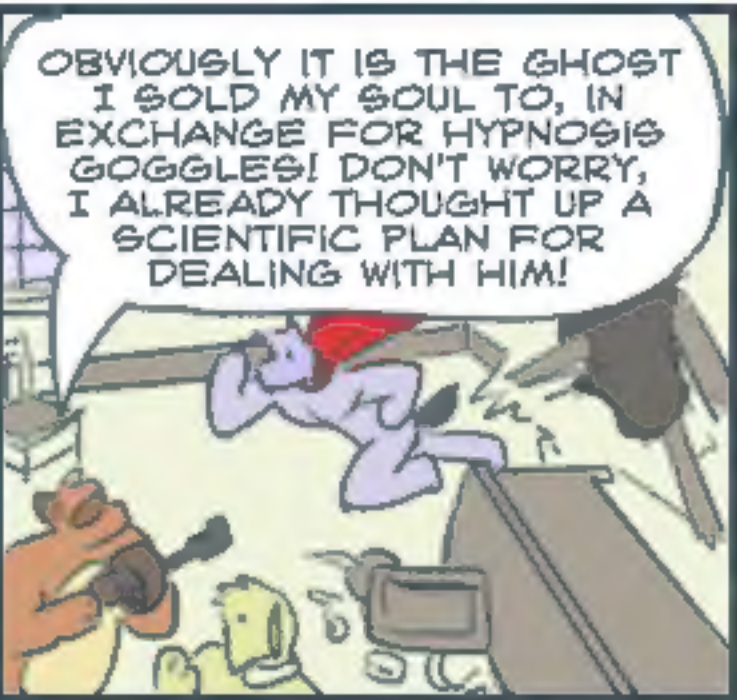
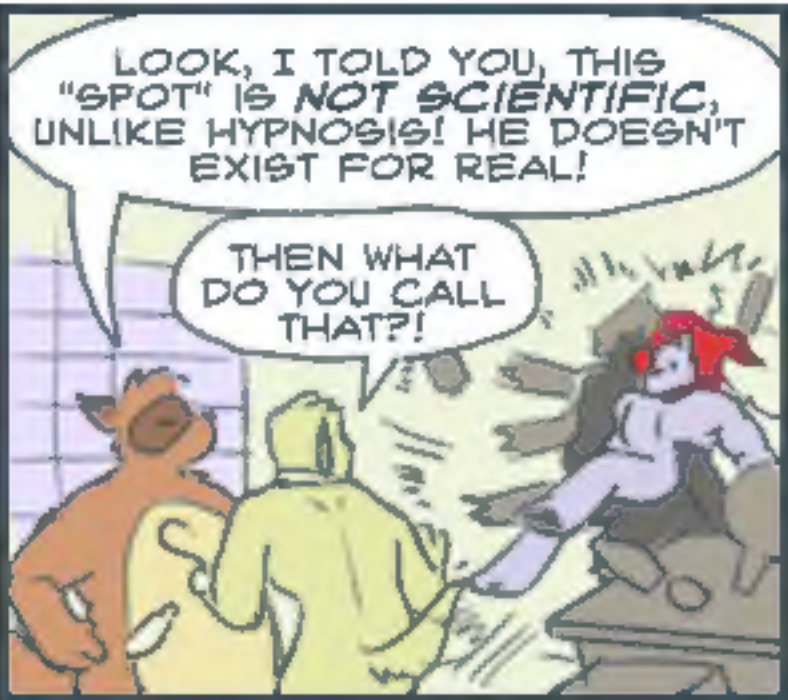
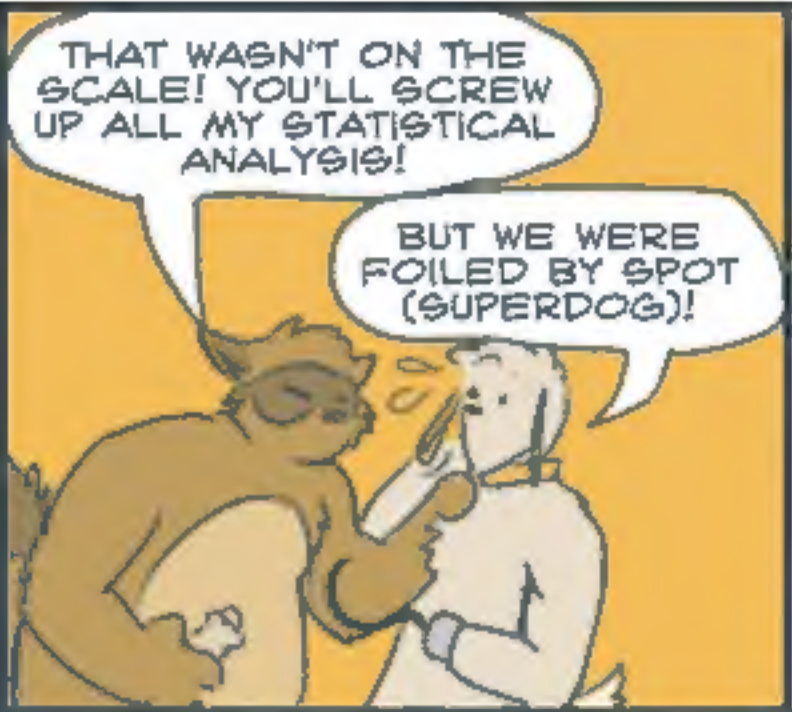
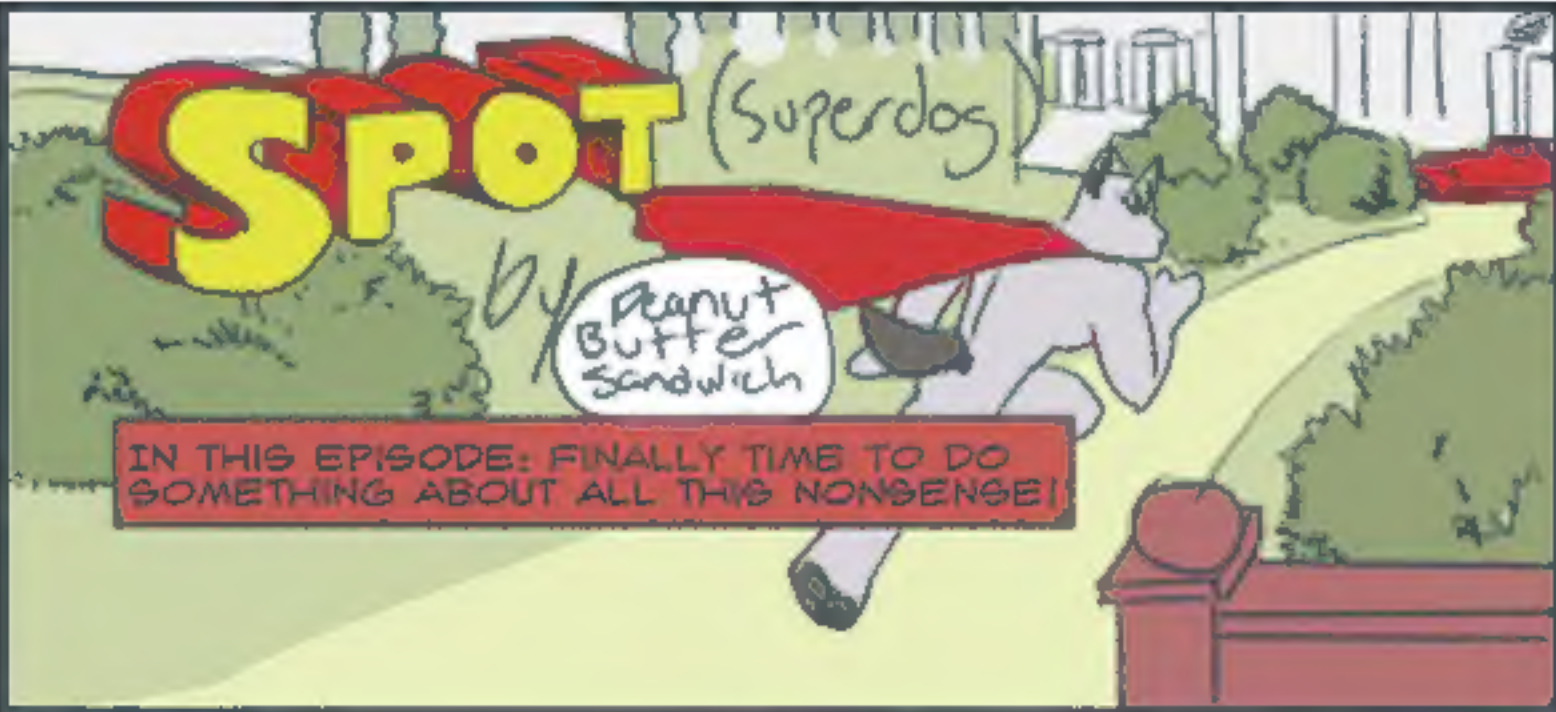
LET'S GET 'EM!

THIS'LL TEACH YOU TO SUBVERT BUREAUCRACY!

SPOT FLIES AFTER THE HOOK-HAND MAN BY, UH, RUNNING IN THE AIR? (THIS IS THE POSE WE'RE GOING WITH, HUH?)

WAIT, WE HAVE GUNS, WHY DID I GIVE THEM SUPER CLUMSY BOMBS?

AWW YEAH



I'M STILL DISAPPOINTED YOU CAN'T DO HOMEWORK, BUT YOU DO SEEM TO BE APPLYING WHAT I'VE TAUGHT, SO THAT IS SOMETHING

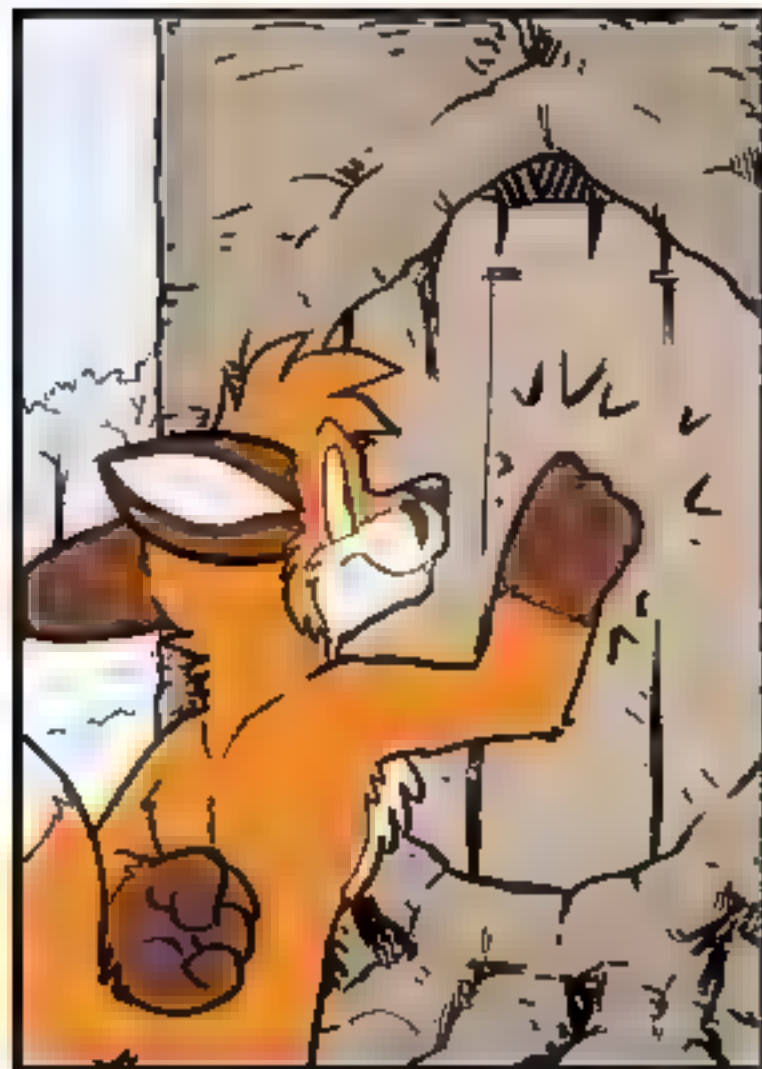
DIDN'T I SEE THESE EXACT POSES IN A COLLECTION OF OLD SUPERMAN COMICS?

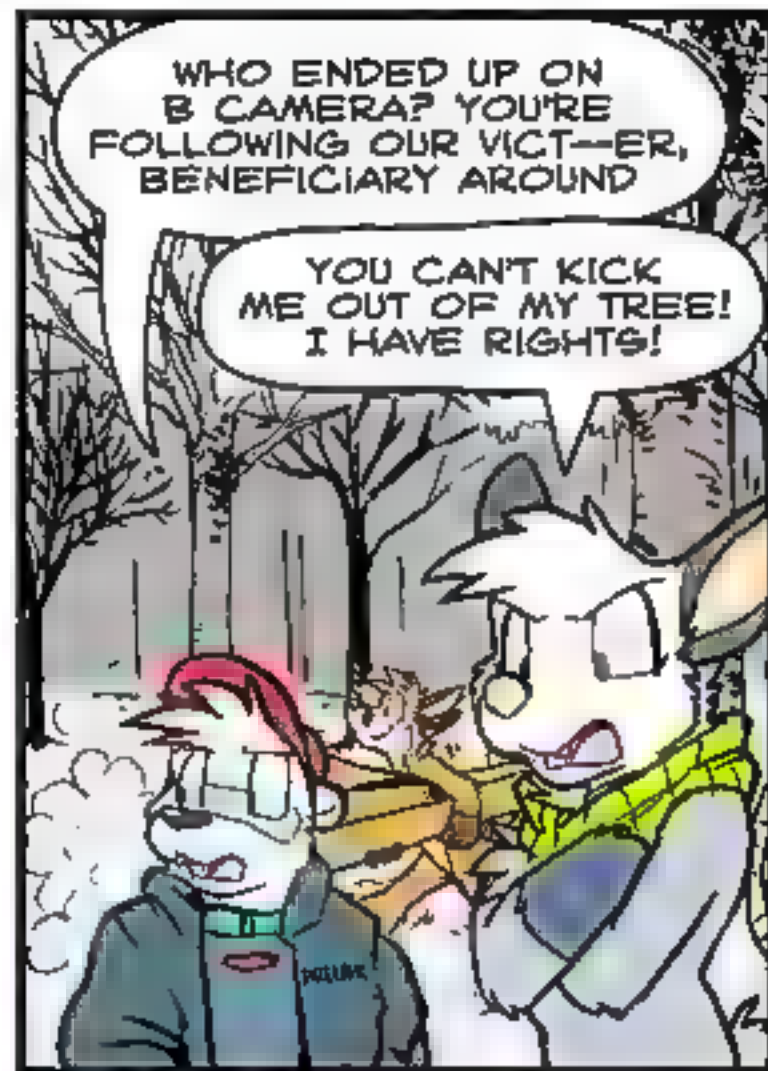
OOOOUT OUT OUT OUT!
AND TAKE YOUR TRACINGS
WITH YOU, JUDAS!

I'LL TALK TO
HIM, PEANUT

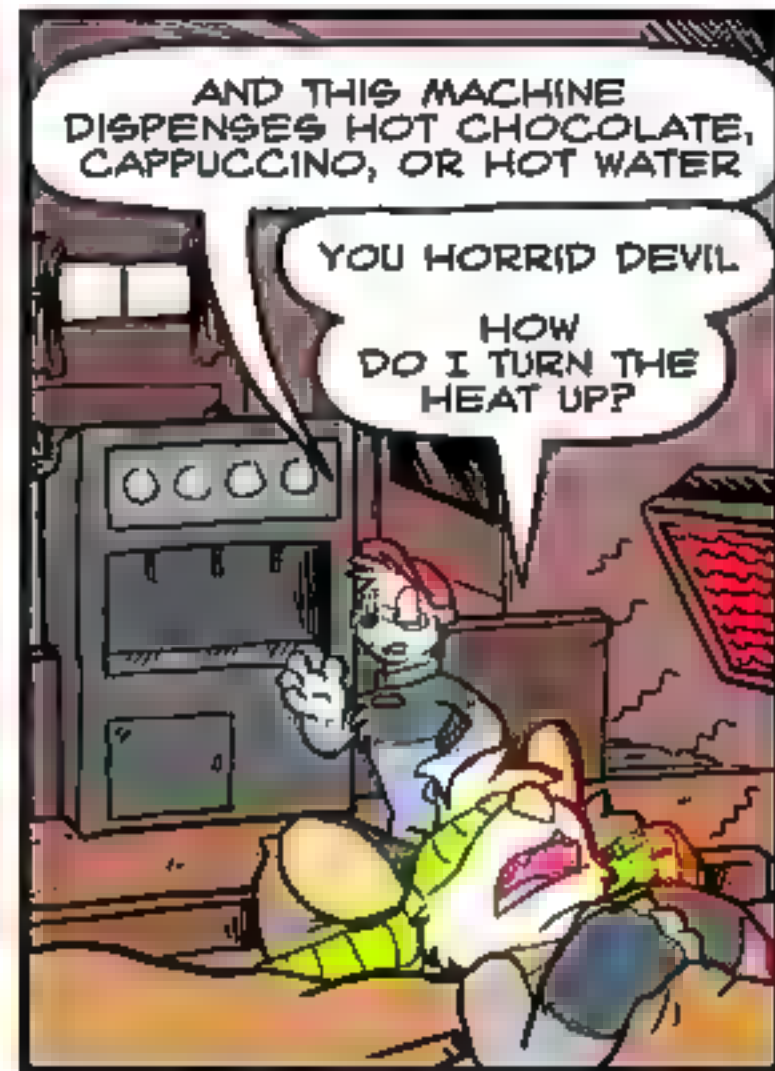
OKAY!
SEE YOU
TOMORROW!

END!

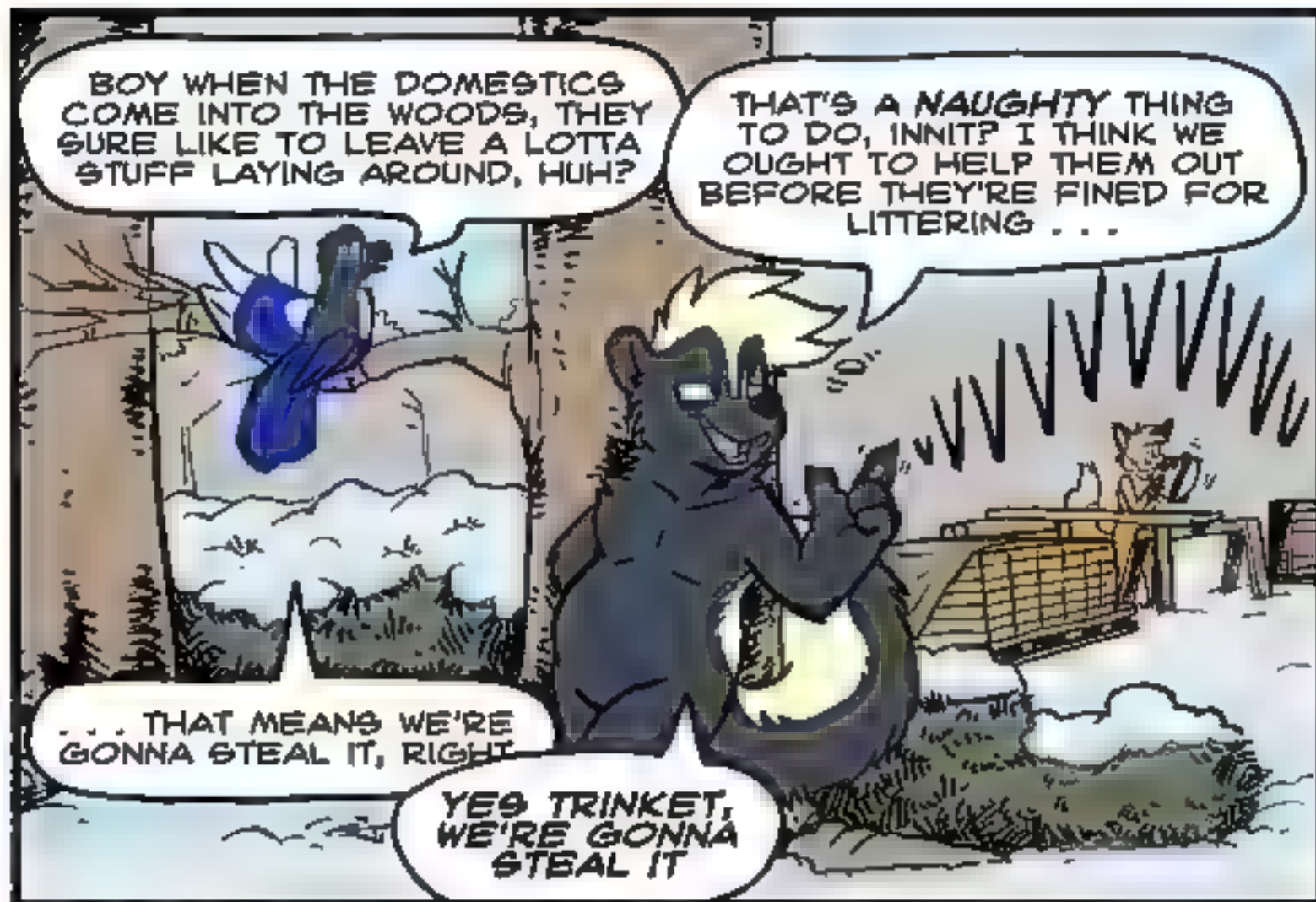




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THE FIRST STEP IS
GAINING HIS TRUST!

HOW'RE YOU
GONNA DO THAT?

WATCH AND
LEARN!

PARDON ME, BUT YOU SEEM
TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH YOUR
PROJECT--I COULD TAKE
SOME OF THE BURDEN OF
YOUR HANDS

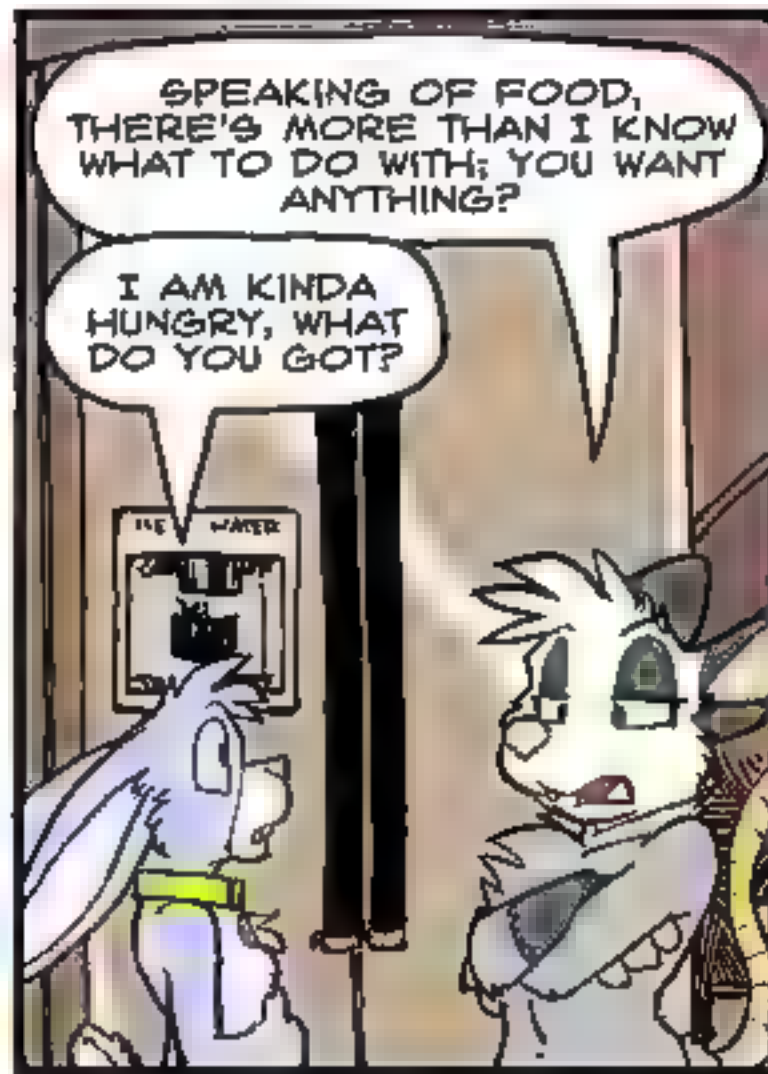
OH, YOU
MEAN LIKE
SABOTAGE?

WHAT?

HERE, HOLD
THIS END!

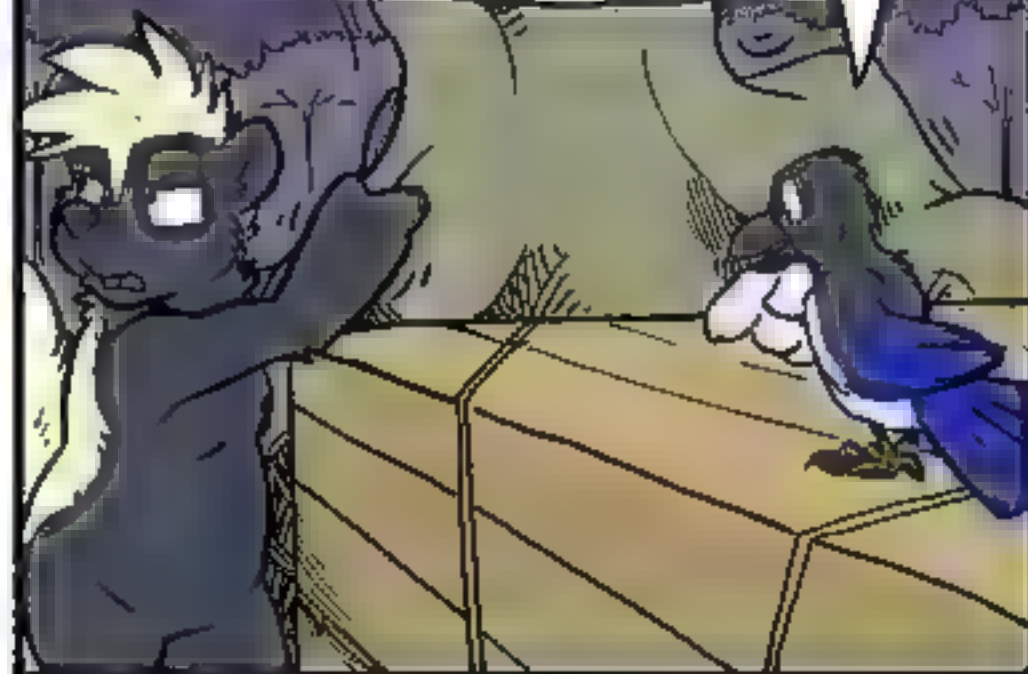
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SAY, THIS IS ONLY
TANGENTIALLY RELEVANT,
BUT HOW MANY RINGS IS
YOUR TAIL SUPPOSED TO
HAVE?



HELP ME UNTIE THESE

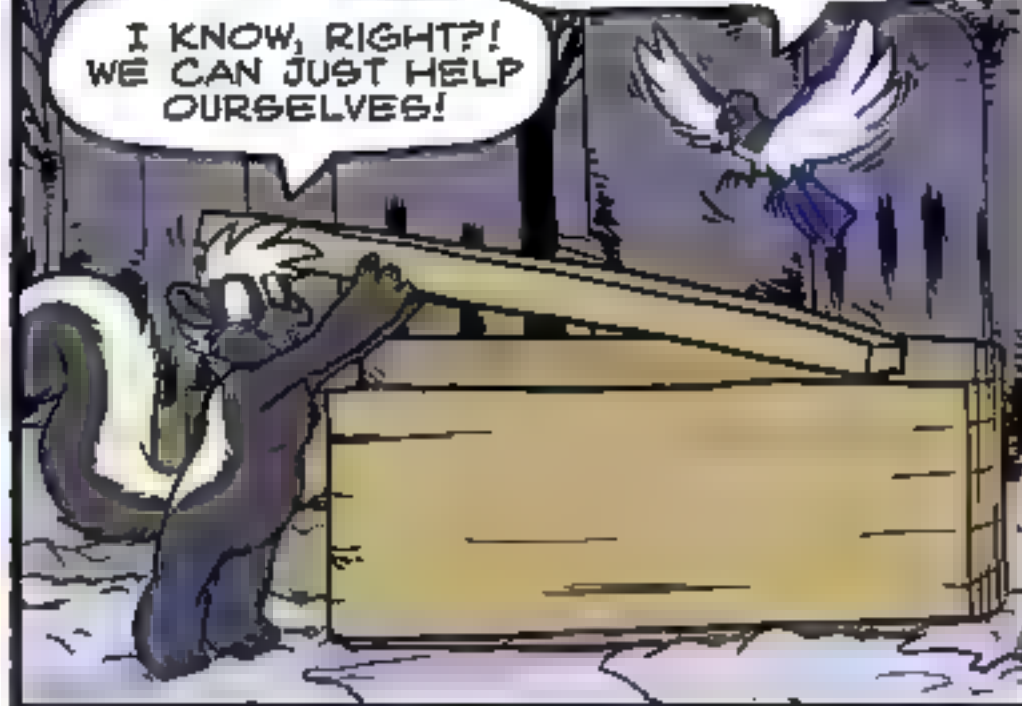
WAAAAIT,
ISN'T THIS JUST **TREE STUFF**?
AND THAT OVER THERE IS **SQUARE
ROCK!** IT'S NOT EVEN SHINY!
WHAT'S SO VALUABLE
ABOUT **THAT**?



I DON'T KNOW! BUT IF IT WASN'T THEY
WOULDN'T HAVE DRAGGED IT OUT HERE
ON TRUCKS—THIS STUFF HAS TO BE
WORTH CARRYING!

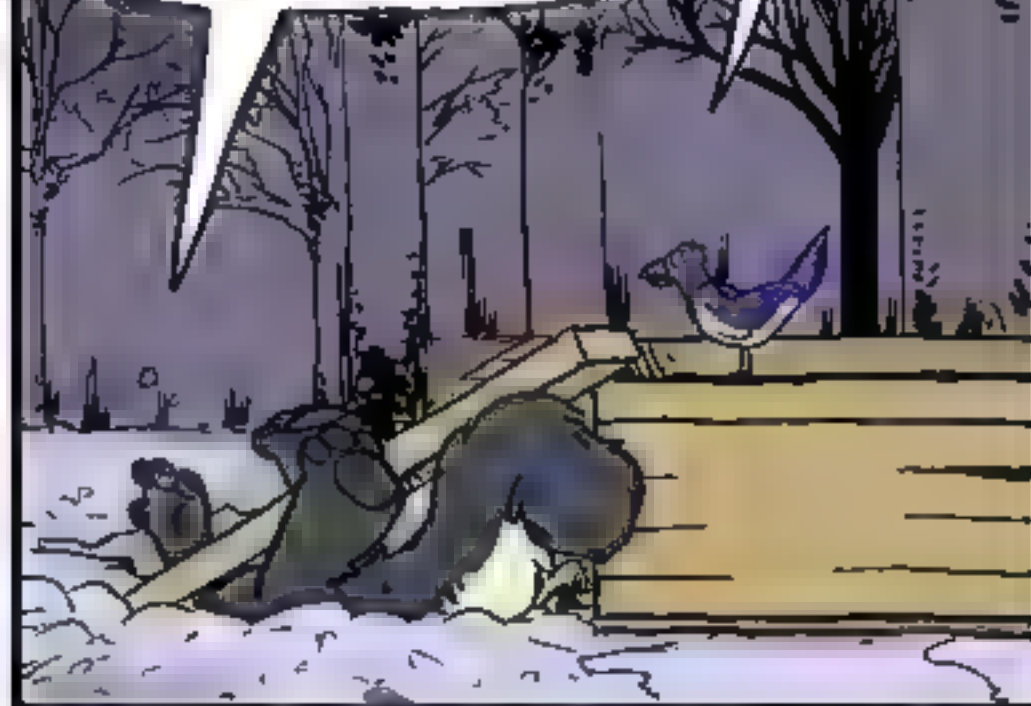
BUT THEN THEY LEAVE
IT HERE ALL NIGHT?

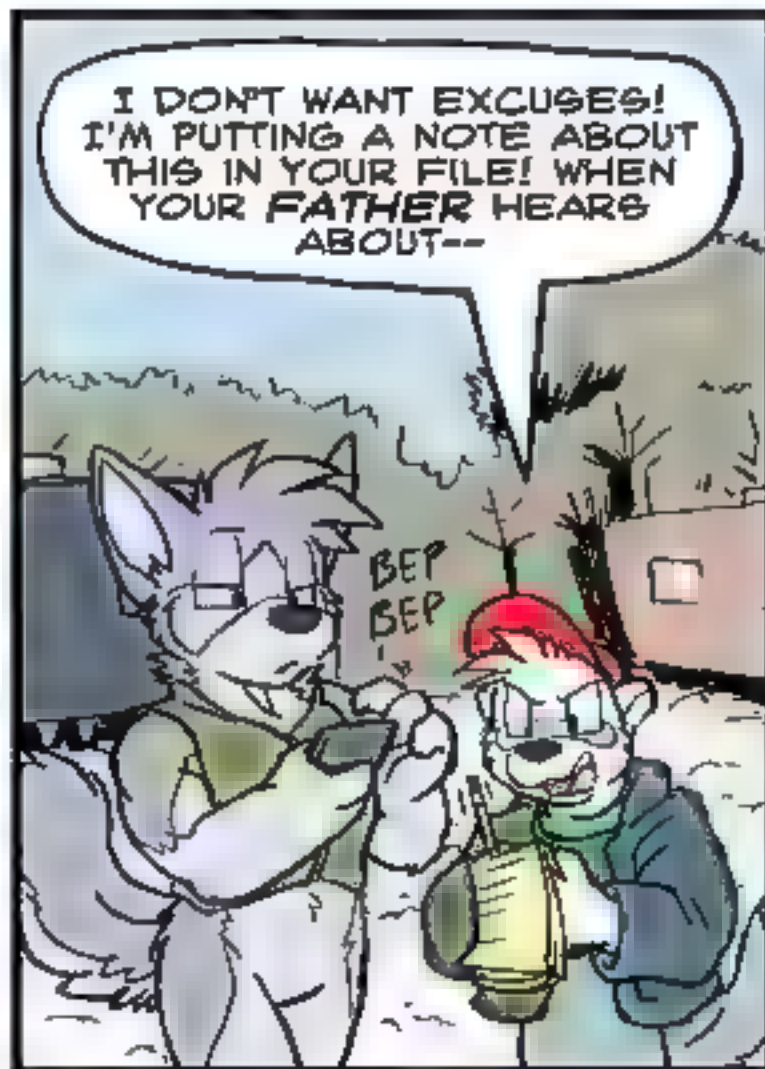
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
WE CAN JUST HELP
OURSELVES!



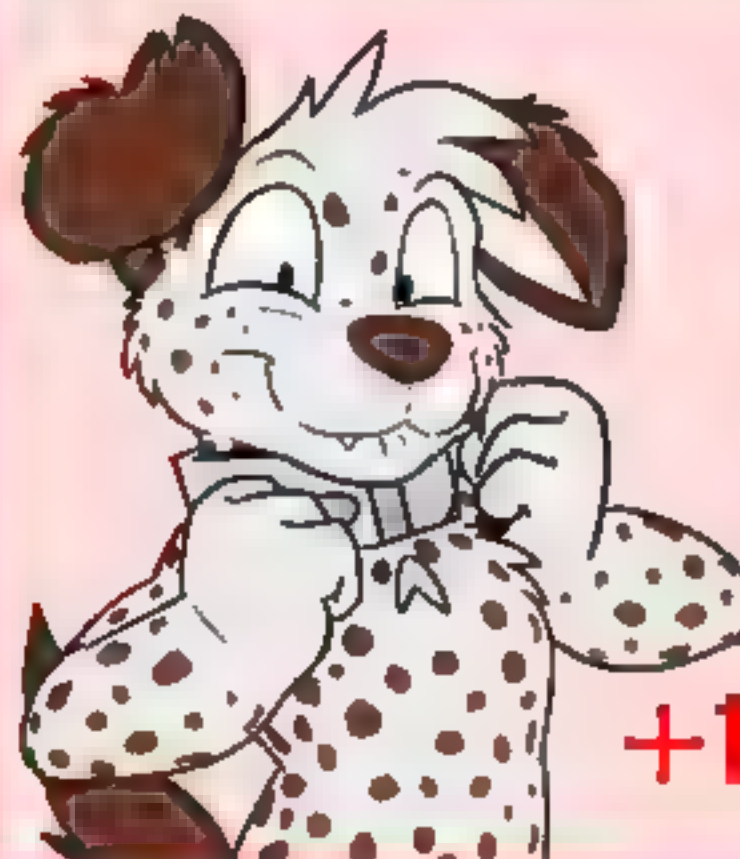
DO . . . DO YOU NEED
ME TO GET HELP?

I'M NOT SPLITTING
PROFITS ANY FARTHER
THAN TWO WAYS!





YOU
WANNA
HANG
OUT?

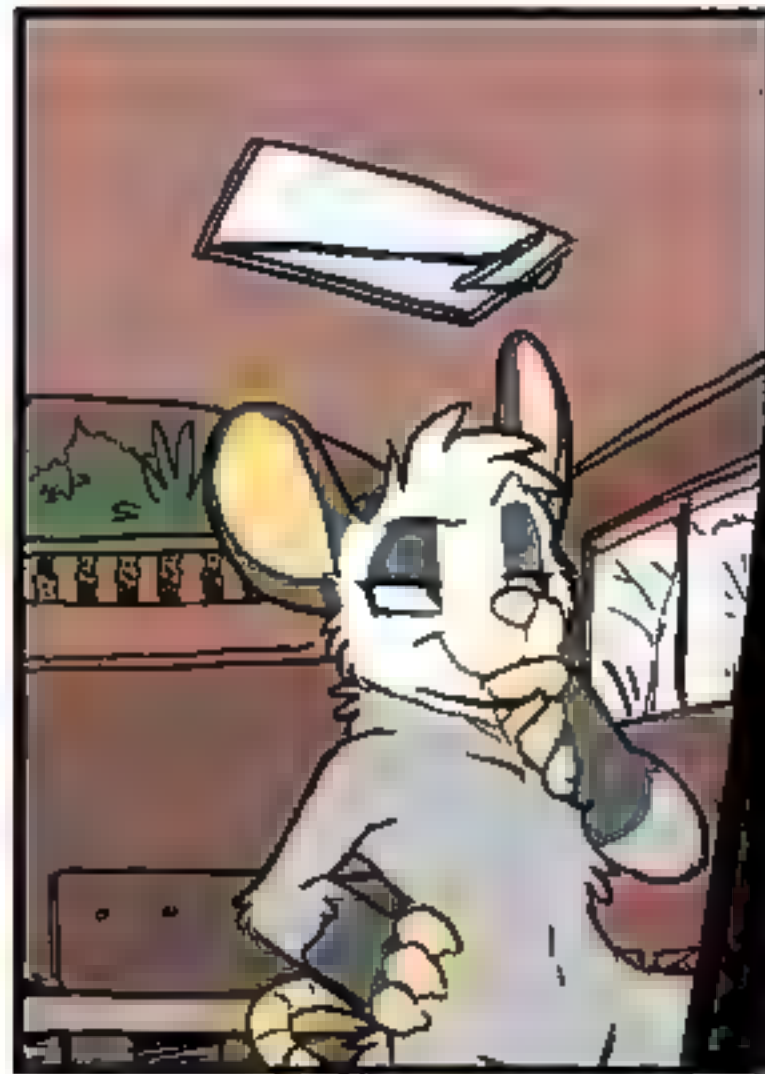
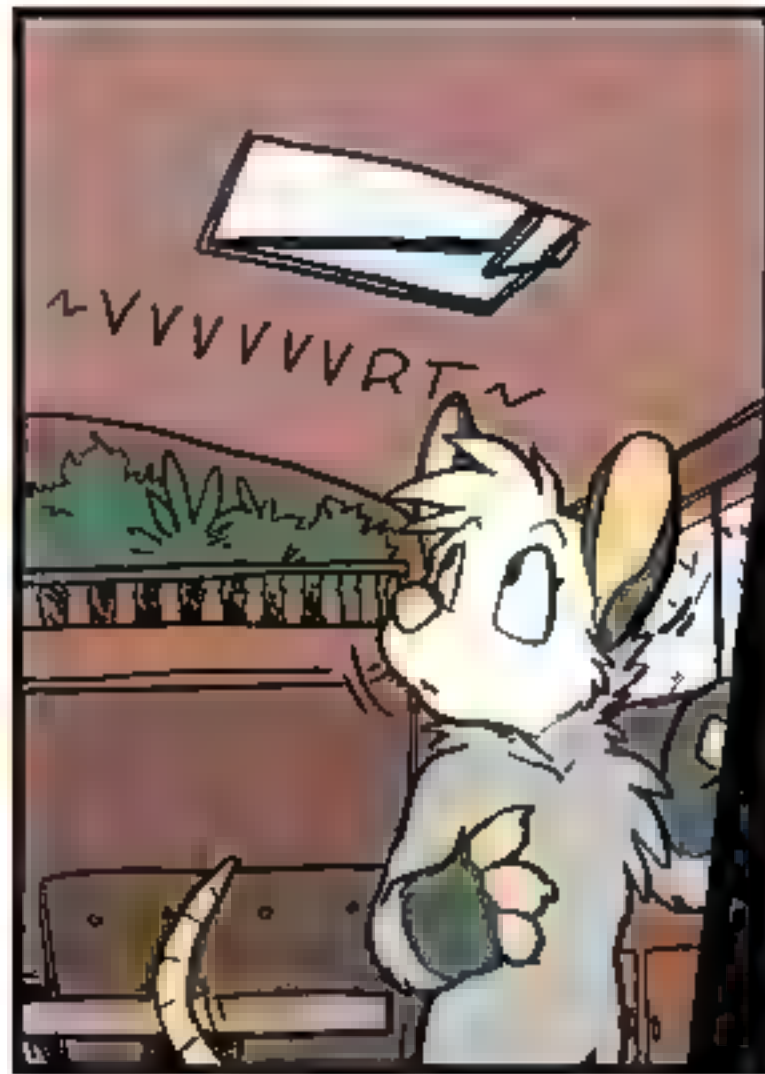


YOU CAN'T
RESIST MY
NATURAL
+10 CHARISMA

AND SO SPOT
(SUPERDOG) ONCE
AGAIN SAVED
VALENTINE'S
DAY, BY
PUNCHING HIS
WAY INTO
YOUR HEART
(AGAIN)



*I shouldn't
have to
explain my
intentions!*



WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'VE NEVER WATCHED TV BEFORE?

IS IT SO IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE HAS TO POINT THAT OUT?!

YES, BECAUSE THEN YOU CAN SHUT UP ABOUT HOW BORED YOU ARE

IS THIS WHAT THE HUMAN WORLD DOES TO PEOPLE? MAKE THEM CRAZY TV PROSELYTES?

-CLICK-
YOU'RE WATCHING THE SECRET LIVES OF ANTEATERS ON THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL

UGH, DISCOVERY HAS GONE DOWNHILL SINCE IT BECAME ALL SOAPS

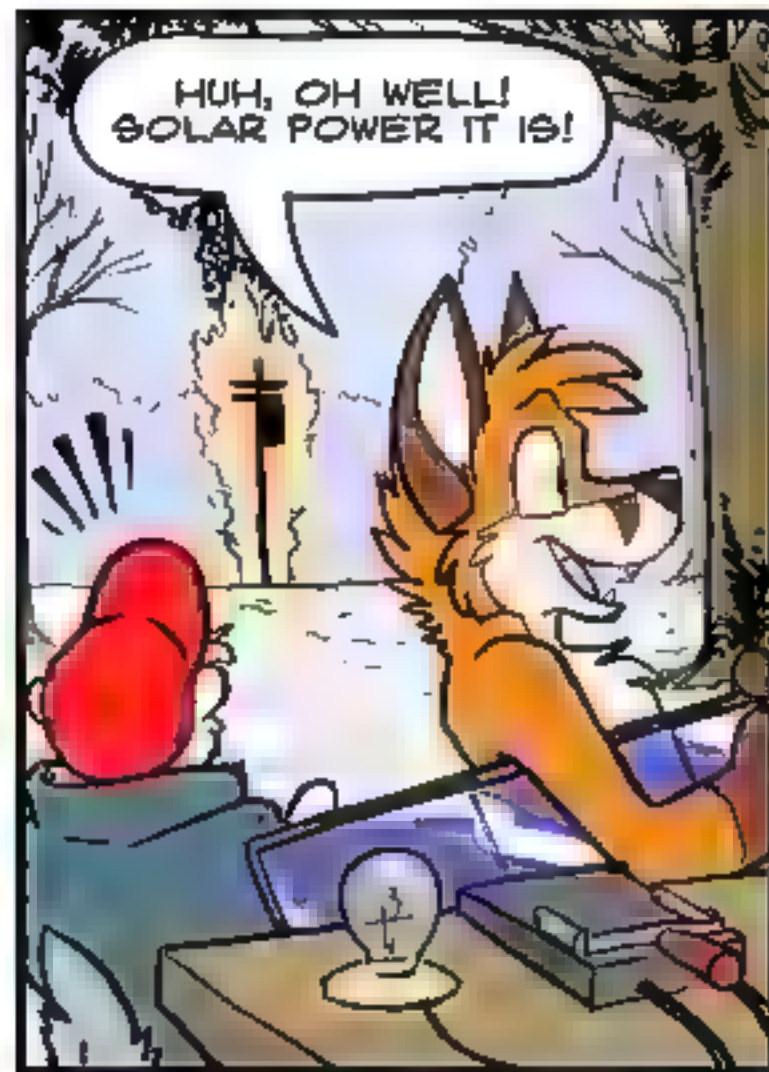
WAIT, I WANNA SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING

I TOLD YOU BARBRA, I DON'T LIKE RED ANTS!

CRASH!!!



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I CAN'T WORK UNDER THESE
CONDITIONS! HOW CAN THE WHOLE
CITY BE WITHOUT POWER FOR
TWO DAYS!?

... WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT'S
OUR PROBLEM?!

GENERATOR X3

WELL, KARISHAD IS
WITH YOU, RIGHT?

HEY QUICK QUESTION . . . THE PLUS
SIDE IS WHERE THE POWER GOES IN,
AND THE MINUS SIDE IS WHERE IT
GOES OUT, RIGHT?

I'LL
CALL YOU BACK

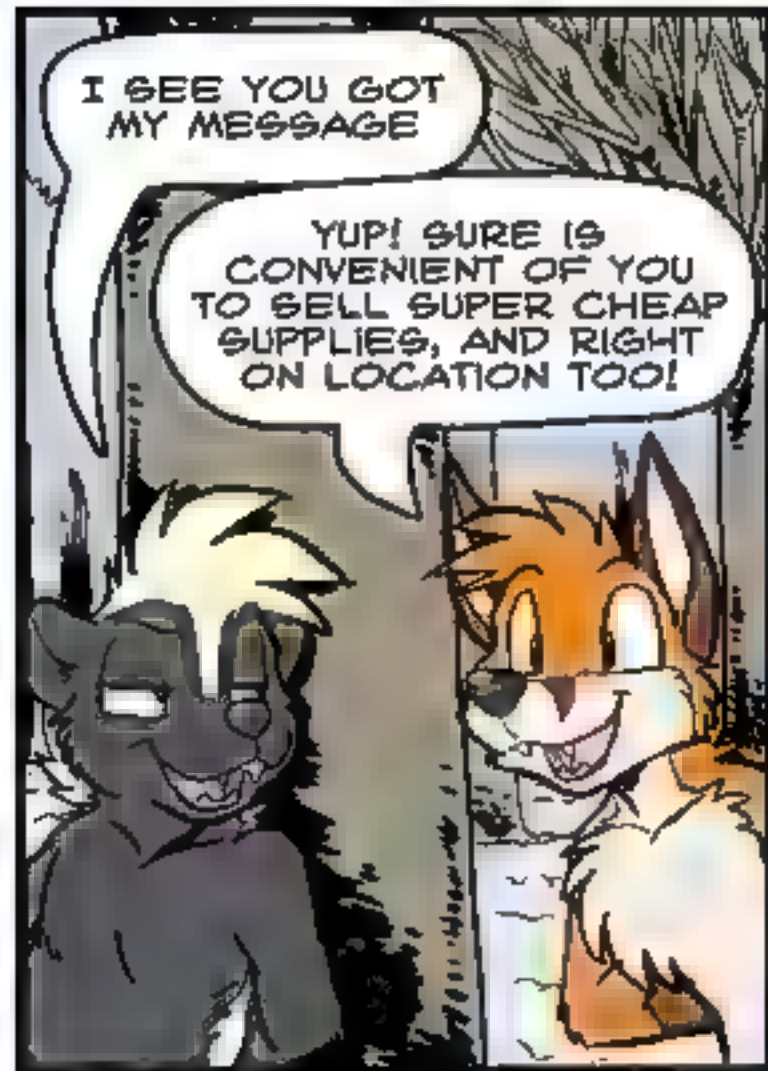
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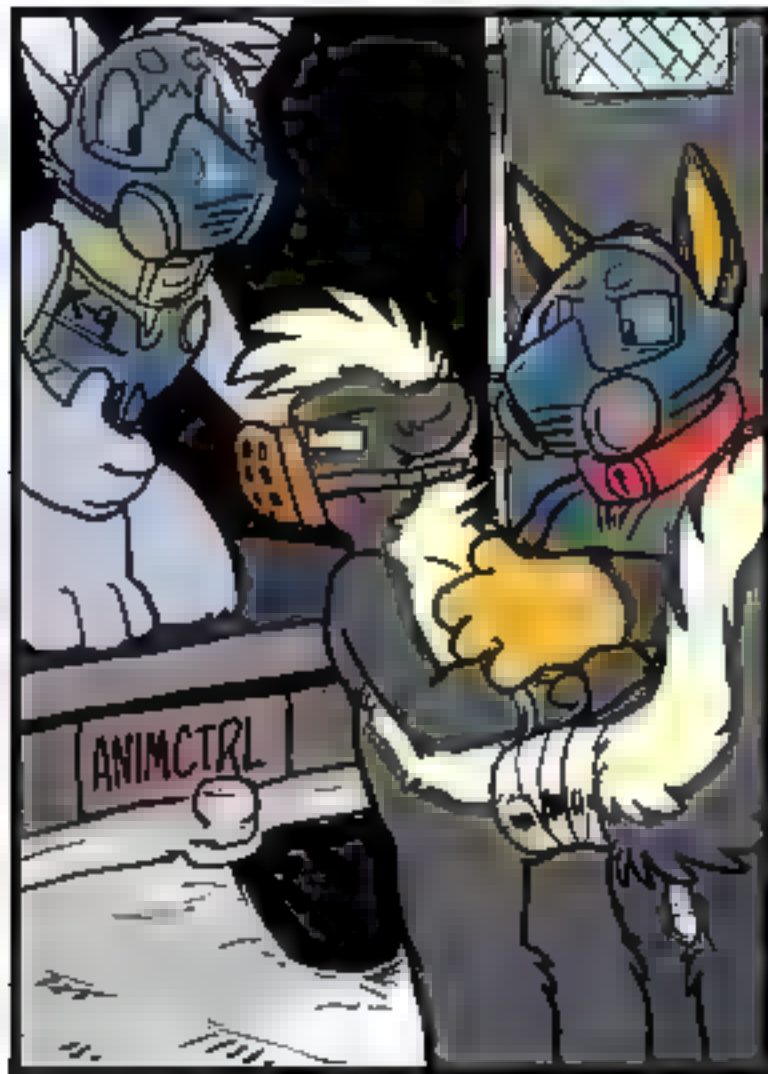
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IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I DO!
BREAK THINGS, SWITCH WIRES, DIG
HOLES--THE FOX JUST RUNS WITH IT!

BUT I HAVE RESOLVE!
WHICH OF US WILL
CRACK FIRST?



HEY FALG, HOW'S THE
SABBATICAL COMING?



WHY DO YOU GET
ICE CREAM?

BECAUSE KINDNESS
IS ITS OWN REWARD
PAID IN ICE CREAM

WE HAVE ONE
LAST CHANCE--

AW, FALS, I'M TIRED
OF SABOTAGE

GENTS, TRUCK!
REMEMBER, GENTS!

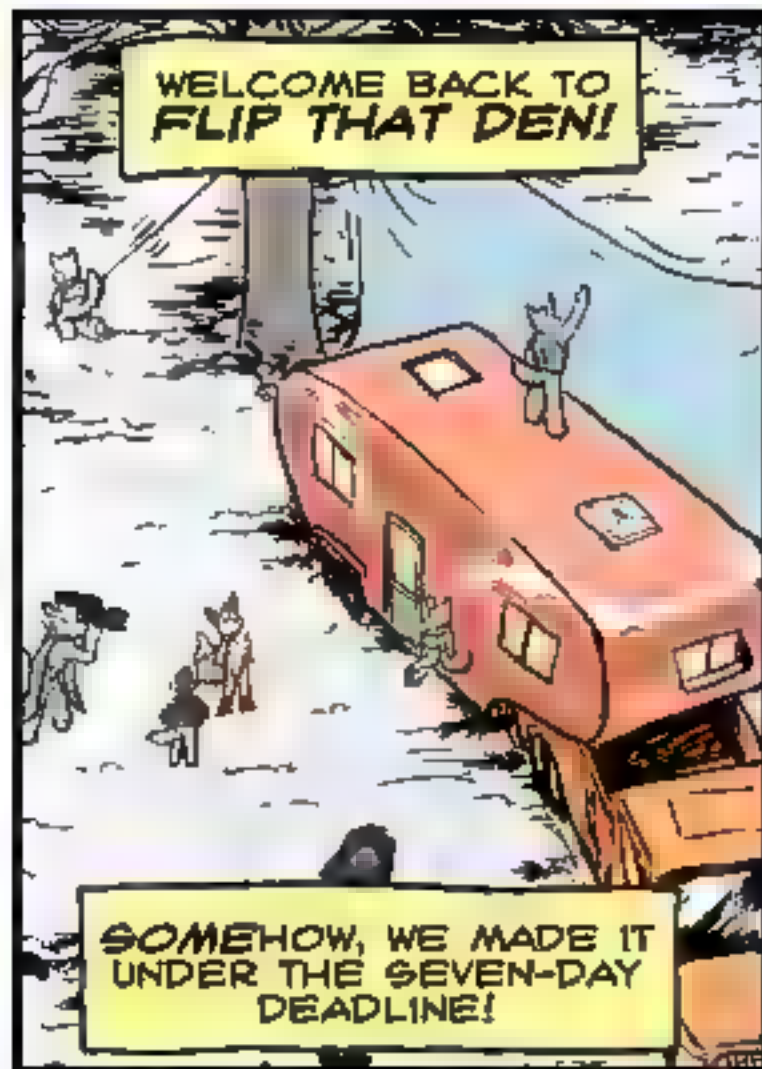
THAT'S WHY I GOT THESE
TERMITES! WE NEED TO
SNEAK OUR WAY INTO THE
TREE AND RUIN IT BEFORE
THE GRAND OPENING!

... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING
AT ME LIKE THAT?

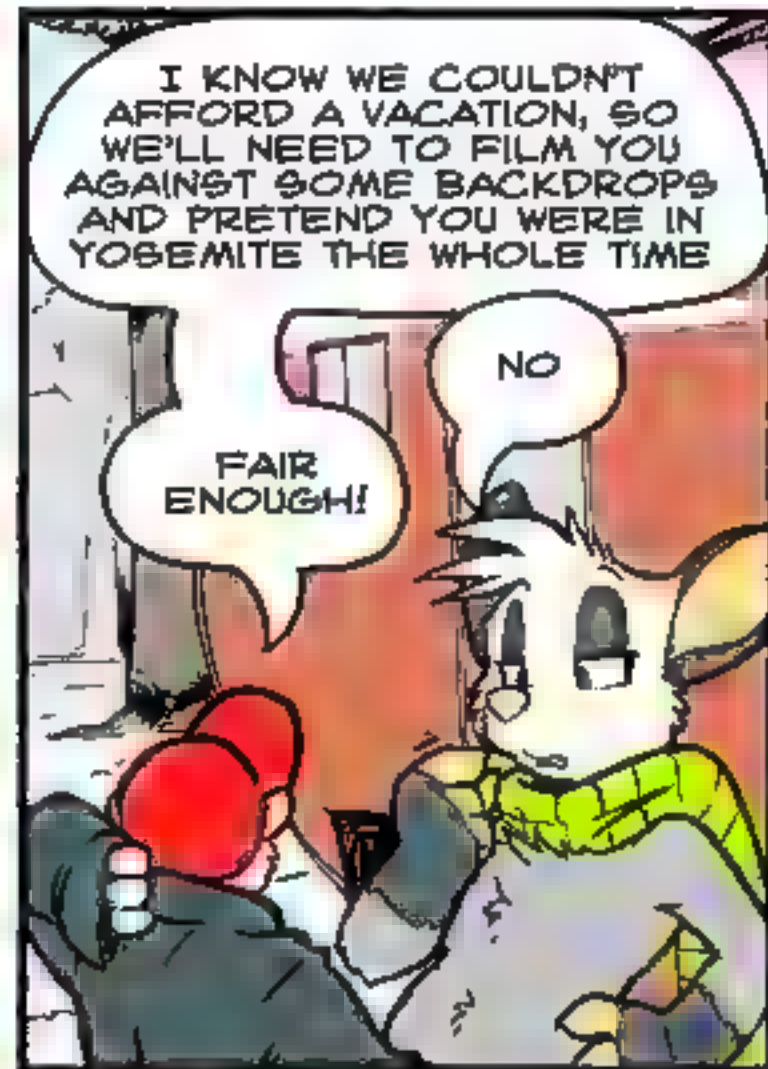
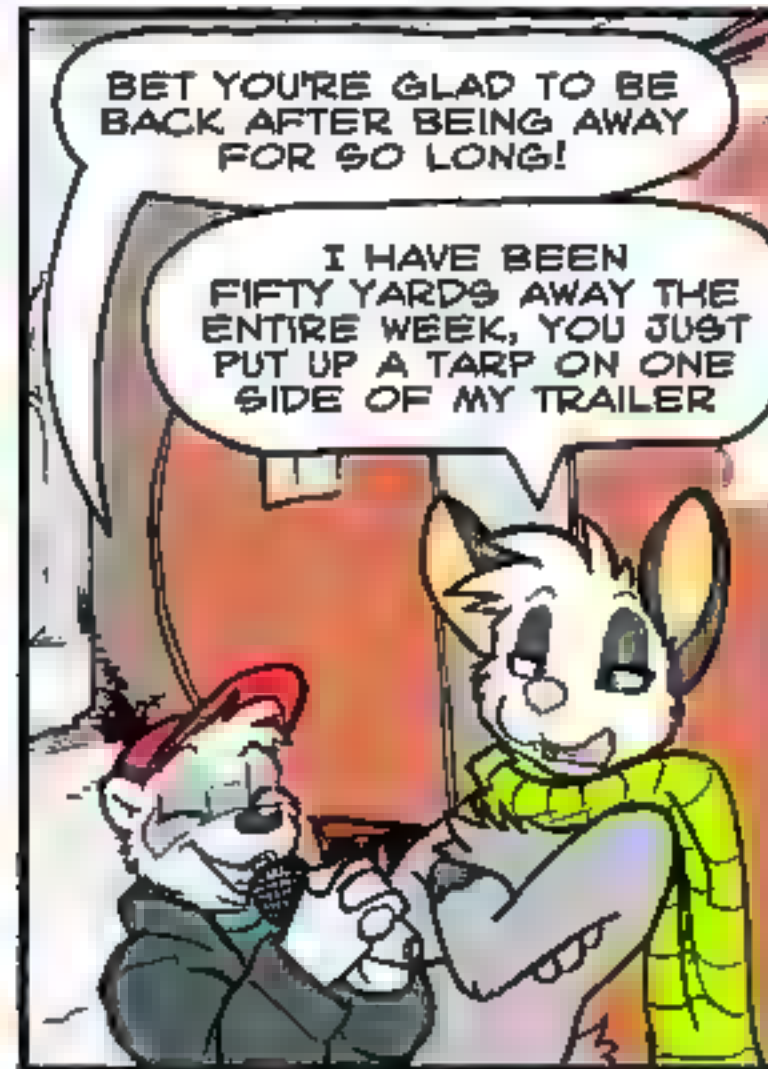
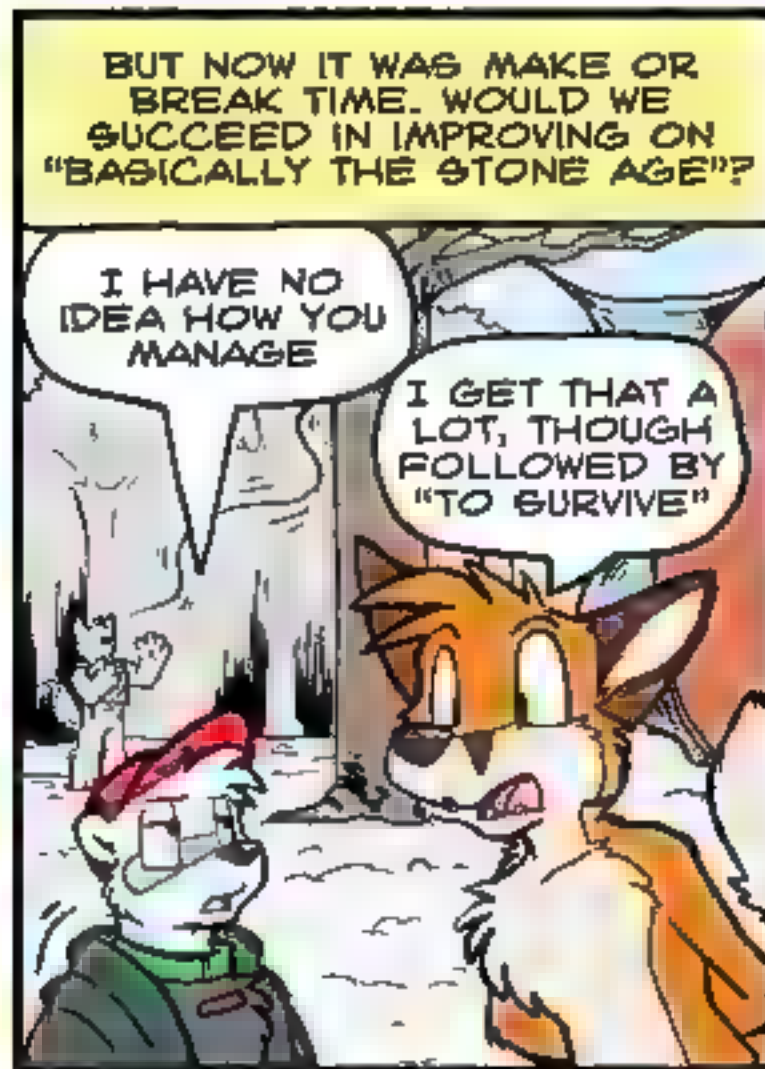
HOW ARE **TERMITES**
BETTER THAN **GENTS**?

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE
I TOLD YOU--

"NEVER COMPARE
MY WORDS NOW TO
ANYTHING ELSE I SAID"
YEAH I **REMEMBER,**
FALS



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YOUR LOCKPICKING SKILLS
ARE INVALUABLE

I KNOW IT'S NOT
VALUABLE, YOU HAVEN'T
PAID ME YET!

THEN HOW DO YOU
PROPOSE WE RECTIFY
THE SITUATION, DEAR?

WHAT IF WE STOLE THE
INSIDE THINGS WHILE
EVERYONE IS HIDING BEHIND
THE BIG WHEEL HOUSE?

GREAT IDEA!
... BUT WHY IS THE
BACK WINDOW
ALREADY OPEN?

JESSICA, ARE YOU READY
TO SEE YOUR *NEW HOME*?

I GUESS

WE'RE GOING TO KEEP DOING
TAKES UNTIL I GET SOME
ENTHUSIASM

WOOO! LIVING
ARRANGEMENTS!

TRUCK DRIVER...
MOVE THAT TRAILER!

WE WERE HERE FIRST! BESIDES,
THE ONLY WOOD LEFT IS THE
FURNITURE AND FLOOR!

THAT STUFF IS TOO VALUABLE!
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN WRECK IT?!

BECAUSE IT'S TOO
NICE FOR ANYONE
TO HAVE, OKAY?!

THAT'S WHY WE
NEED TO SELL IT!

THIS THREE STORY TOWER WITH
ATTIC BEDROOM IS FULLY FURNISHED,
SOLAR POWERED, WITH A 100-GALLON
RAINWATER COLLECTOR, AND—

**I CAN'T LIVE
IN THIS!**

WE'RE OUT OF MONEY,
BUT I COULD TRY TO MAKE
IT BIGGER . . .

OPENER ALIVE, KARI, I KNOW
YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING
NICE BUT THIS IS MORE THAN
JUST OVERWHELMING!

WHAT, AM I SUPPOSED TO
BE TREATED LIKE A QUEEN
WHILE ALL MY FRIENDS
HAVE NOTHING? WHO WOULD
WANT TO LIVE LIKE
THAT?!

I'D LIKE TO
LIVE LIKE THAT

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?

OH, YOU KNOW,
JUST LOOKING

NICE PLACE
YOU GOT

SHAME IF SOMETHING
WERE TO HAPP—OW!

I SWEAR, I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU WERE
GONNA SHARE!

PLEASE
JESSICA?

YOU KNOW, NOTHING
IN THE CONTRACT SAYS
YOU CAN'T HOST YOUR
FRIENDS

OKAY, BUT IT'S
MY HOUSE, SO IT'S
MY RULES

FIRST RULE, NO STEALING,
BREAKING, OR SPRAYING
ANYTHING HERE, OR ELSE
FACE MY WRATH

SECOND, I GET ONE
ROOM TO MYSELF AND
NOBODY ENTERS WITHOUT
MY PERMISSION, OR
ELSE FACE MY WRATH

THIRD, NO PREDATION
INSIDE THE HOUSE

FOURTH--WHOSE IDEA
WAS THE JAR OF
TERMITES?



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WHAT GIVES?! THE IDEA WAS
TO BUILD A HOUSE! NOT A
COMMUNITY CENTER!
SOCIALISM DOESN'T GET
TV RATINGS!

BUT ADORABLE MOPPETS
DO GET TV RATINGS

I JUST ATE A
BIG RED BUG

THAT IS
TRUE . . .

GREAT! HERE YOU GO!

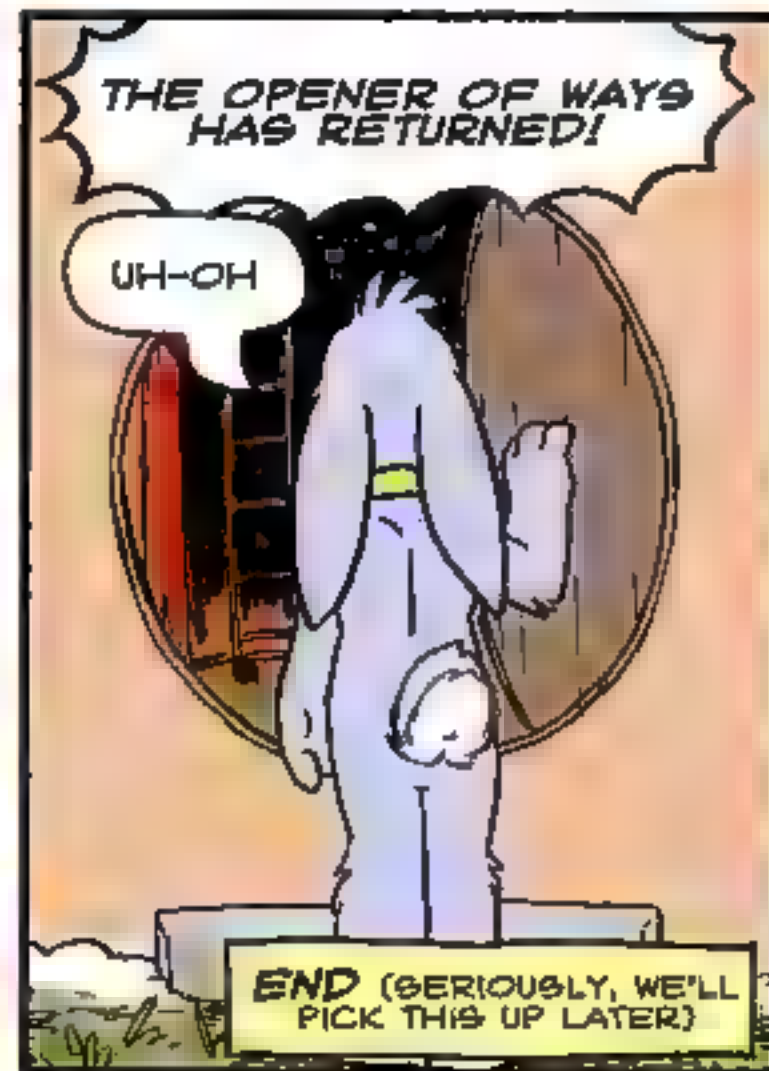
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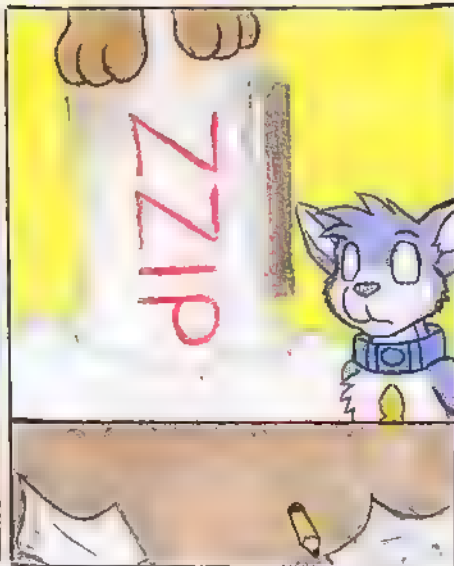
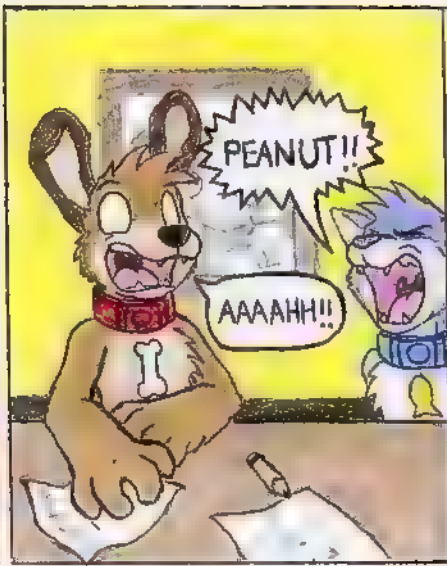
VACATION FOOTAGE OF
THE RACCOON FAMILY!
NOW THEY WERE WITH
JESSICA THE ENTIRE
TIME!

... DO YOU PLAN THIS OUT
FROM THE BEGINNING OR
DOES REALITY JUST WARP
TO SERVE YOU?

I GET THAT--

--"A LOT", YEAH
I FIGURED





GRAAAPE!

I NEED YOUR HELP I SUPER-GLUED
MY PAWS TOGETHER AND SINCE
MOM AND DAD ARE OUT I NEED YOU
TO TAKE ME TO THE VET



OK SINCE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO
HELP I'M GOING TO THE VET BY
MYSELF AND PROBABLY GET LOST
AND DIE

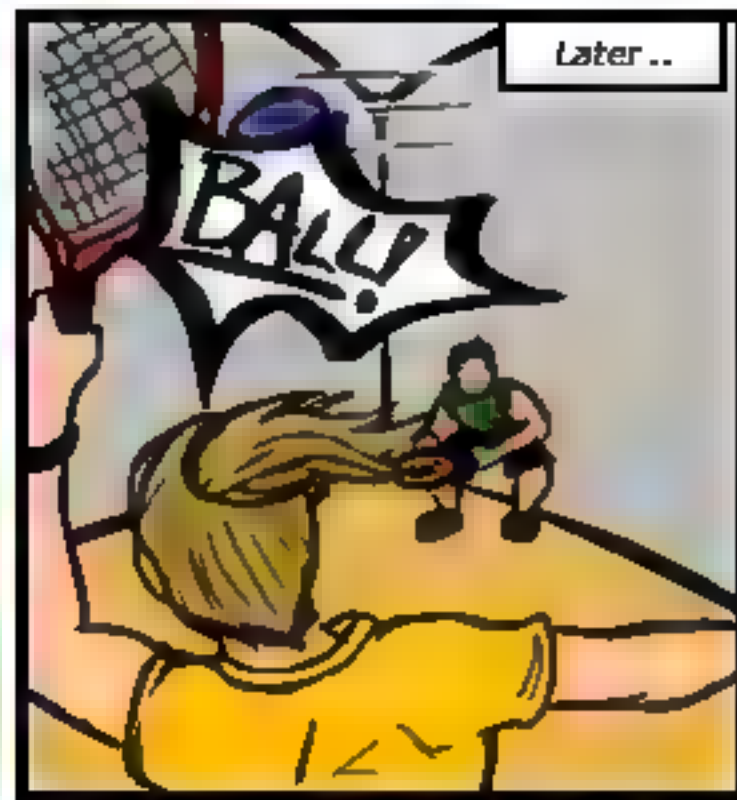
BECAUSE I SUPER-GLUED MY
PAWS TOGETHER

DID YOU SUPER-GLUED
YOUR PAW TO YOUR
FA-

YES



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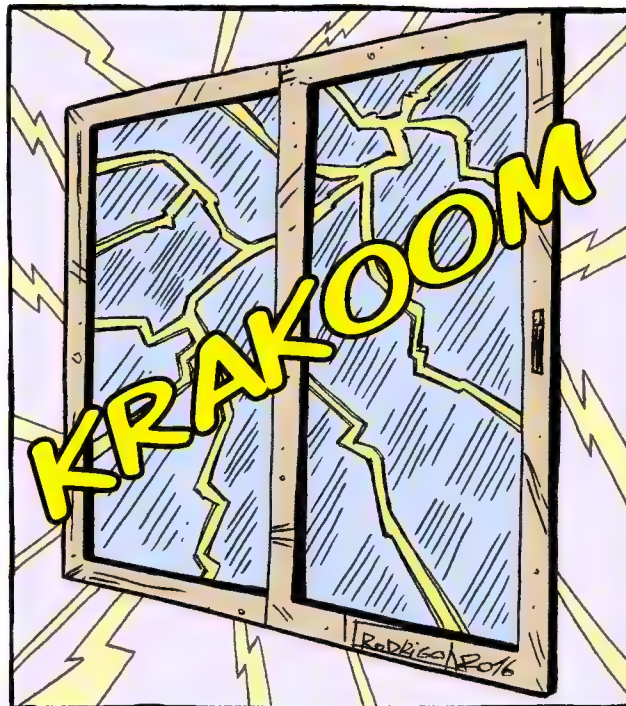
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WEATHER OR NOT



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NINETY-EIGHT, NINETY-NINE,
ONE HUNDRED! READY OR
NOT, HERE I COME!

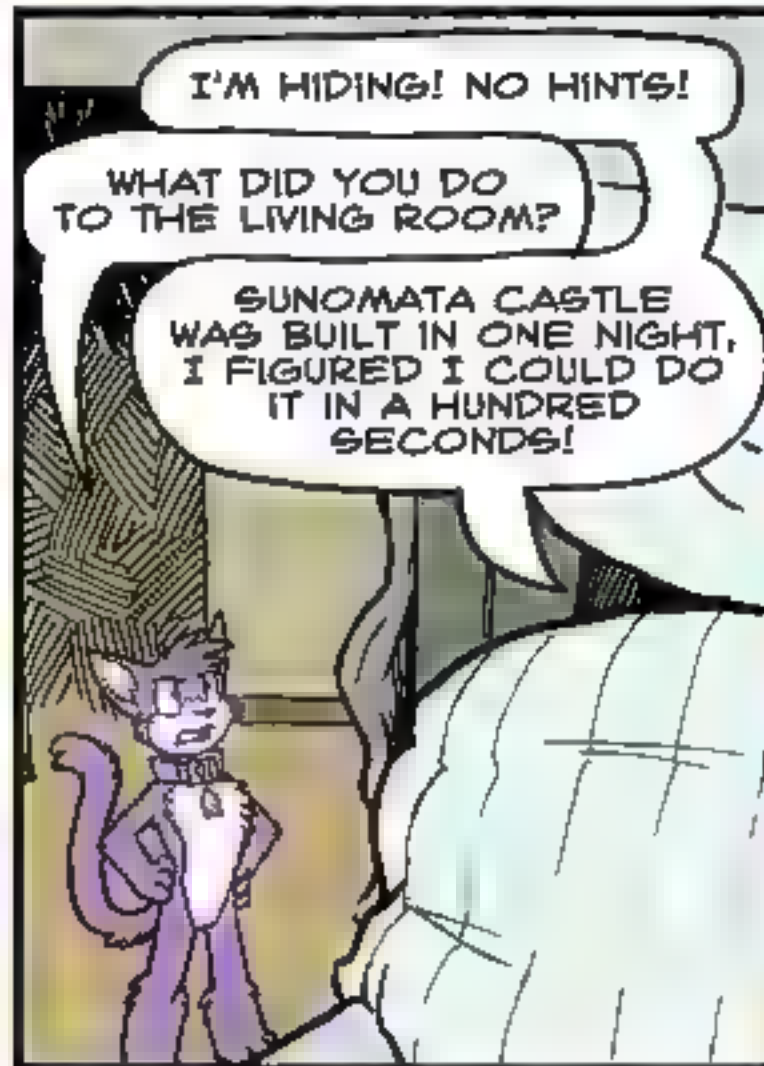


WHAT THE--
UH, PEANUT?



I'M HIDING! NO HINTS!
WHAT DID YOU DO
TO THE LIVING ROOM?

SUNOMATA CASTLE
WAS BUILT IN ONE NIGHT,
I FIGURED I COULD DO
IT IN A HUNDRED
SECONDS!

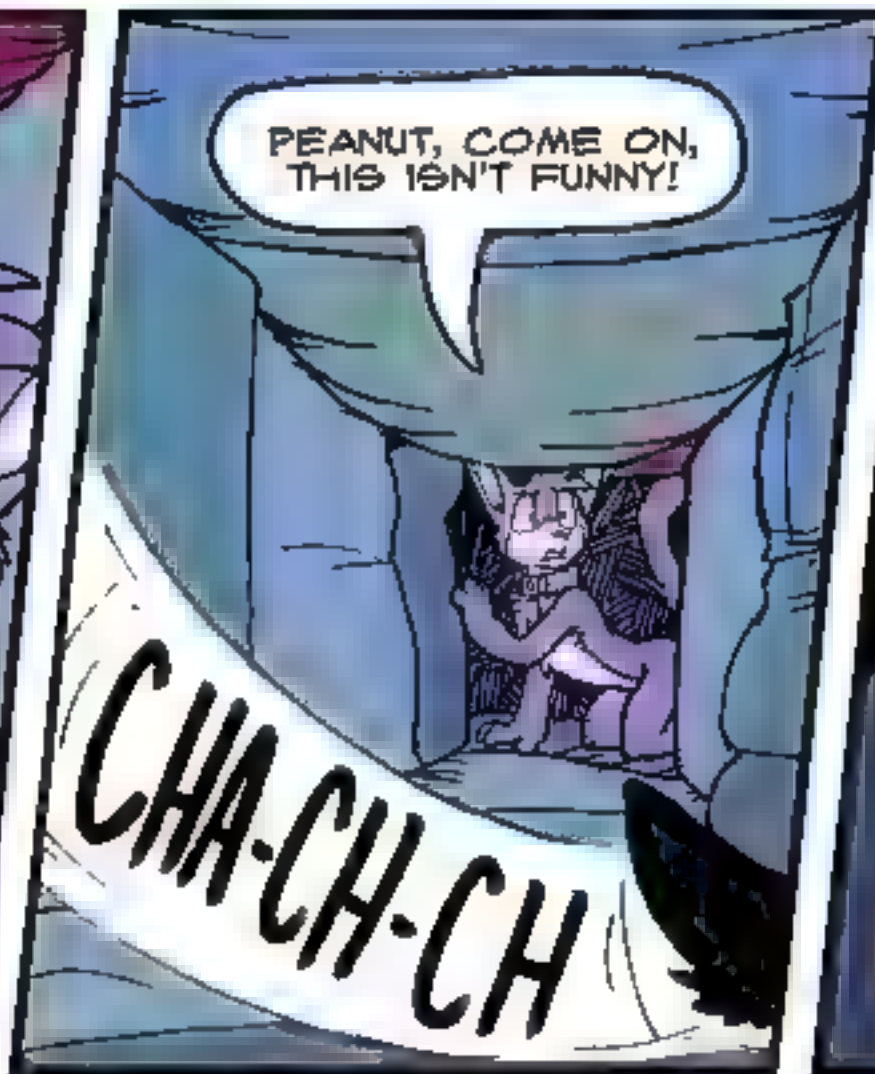


ENTER . . . IF YOU DARE!

I *COULD* JUST
LEAVE YOU IN
THERE

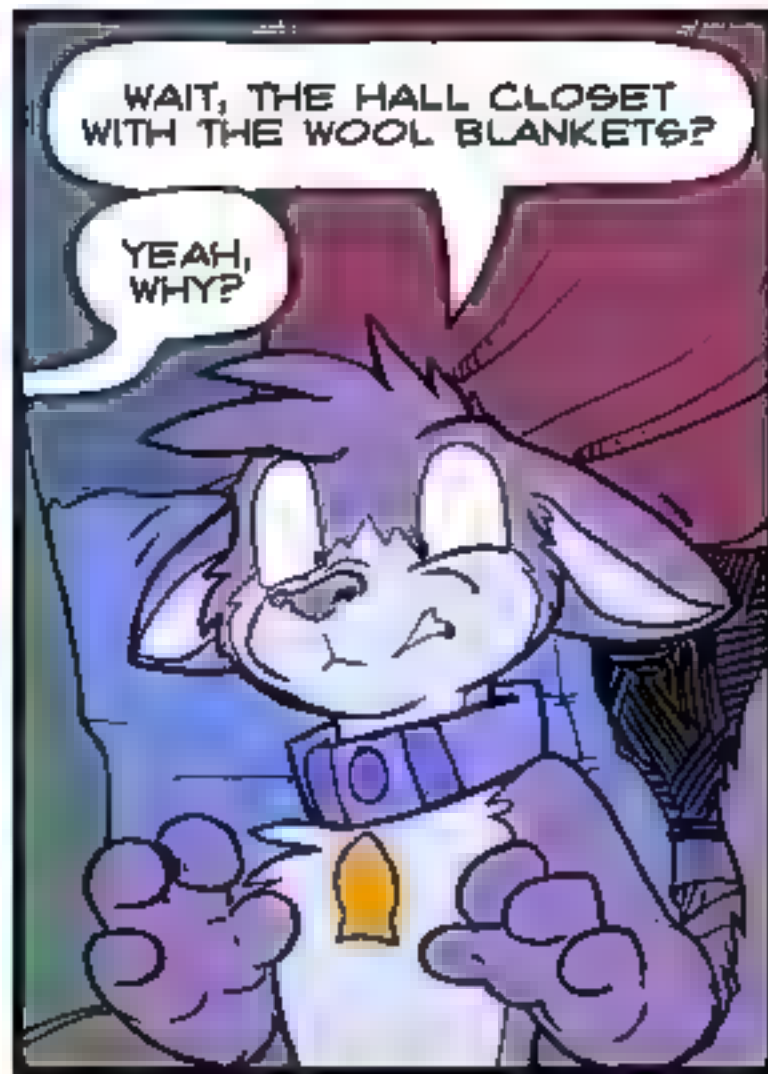
OH COME ON!
DARE!







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NOW THIS IS ODD, I DON'T
RECALL ANY CITY BUILDING
ITS SKYLINE IN ZIGGARAUT
DECO

EXCEPT MAYBE DUBAI,
BUT I WAS *JUST THERE*

C'MON KEENE, YOU'VE BEEN
LOST BEFORE--JUST
LOCATE THE EMBASSY

FIND THE MOST IMPORTANT
BUILDING AND GO FROM
THERE

WEASEL
MASSAGE
PARLOR

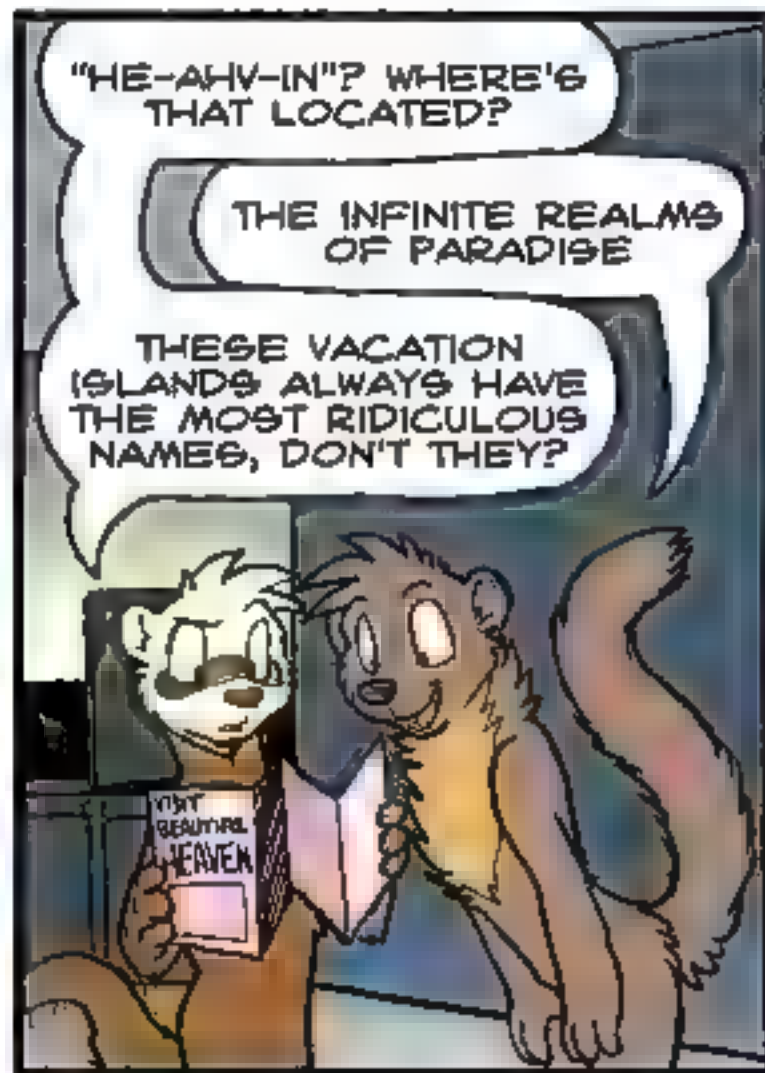
WELP!

DING

DING



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SURE YOU CAN USE MY
PHONE, DON'T HAVE TO ASK
TWICE!

ERM, NICE
BACKGROUND

THIS THING ISN'T ACCEPTING
THE NUMBER I'M PUTTING IN

OHH, YOU WANT TO CALL
THE *OUTSIDE*? THERE'S
A SPECIAL PROCESS
FOR THAT

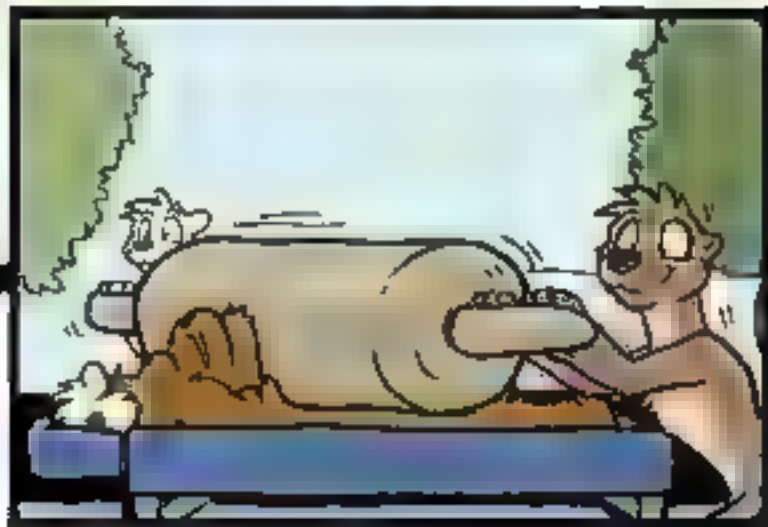
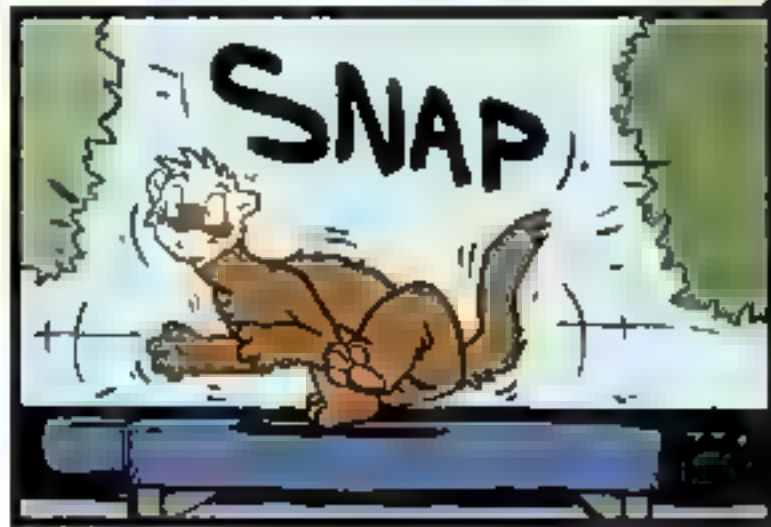
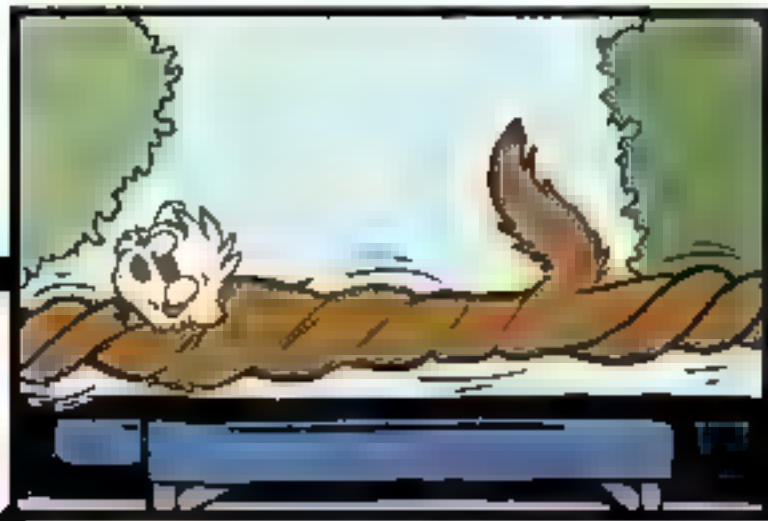
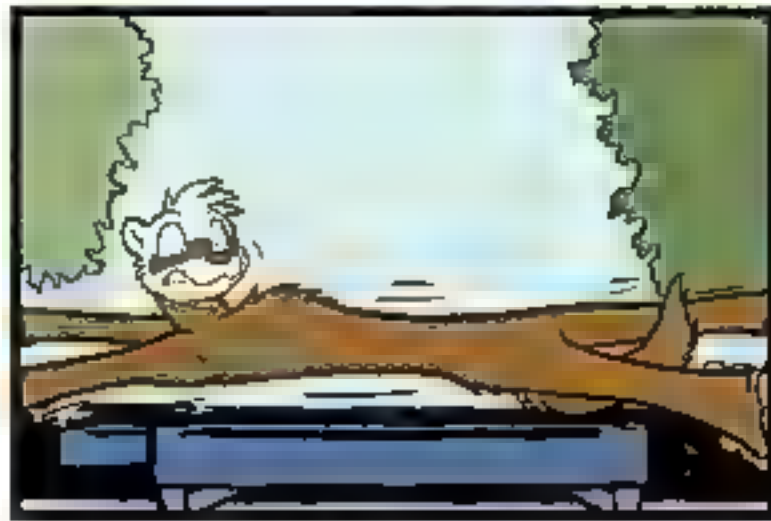
YOU NEED TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED
IN--MANIFESTATION,
REINCARNATION, APPARITION--
THEN SCHEDULE THE
APPROPRIATE CLASS

UH-HUH, HOW
LONG DOES
THAT TAKE?

ABOUT
FOUR
MONTHS

FOUR MONTHS?! WHAT
WOULD I EVEN DO UNTIL
THEN?!

I WAS HOPING THE
BACKGROUND WOULD
GIVE YOU A HINT





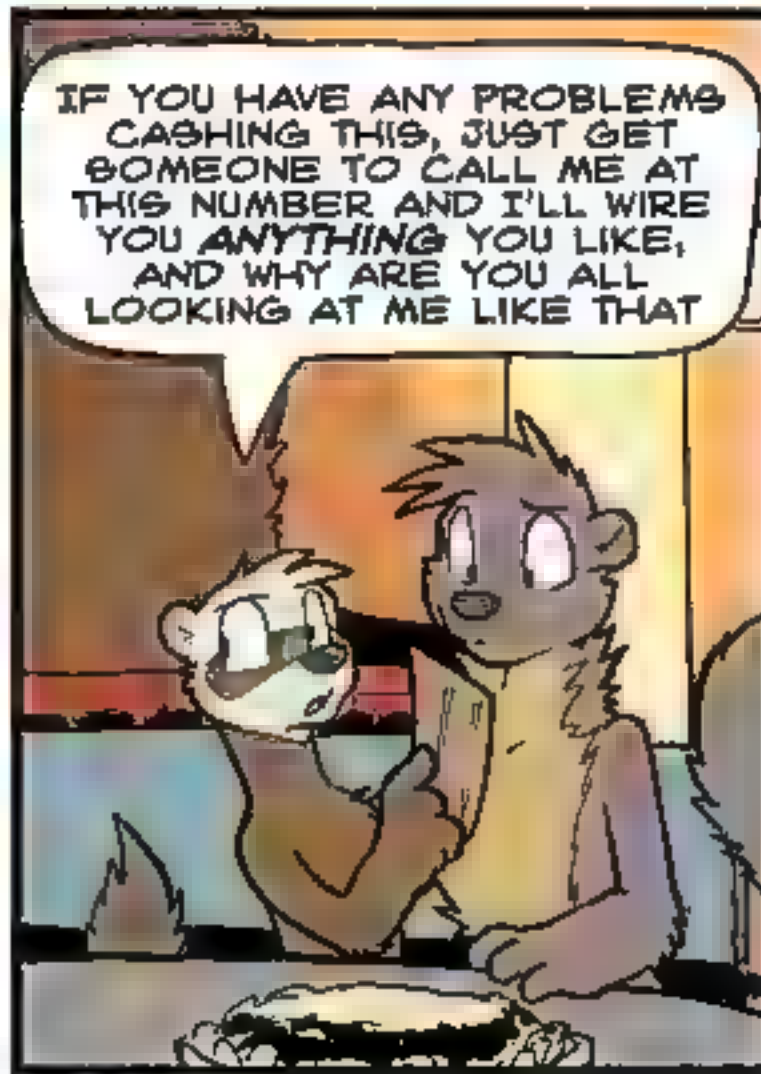
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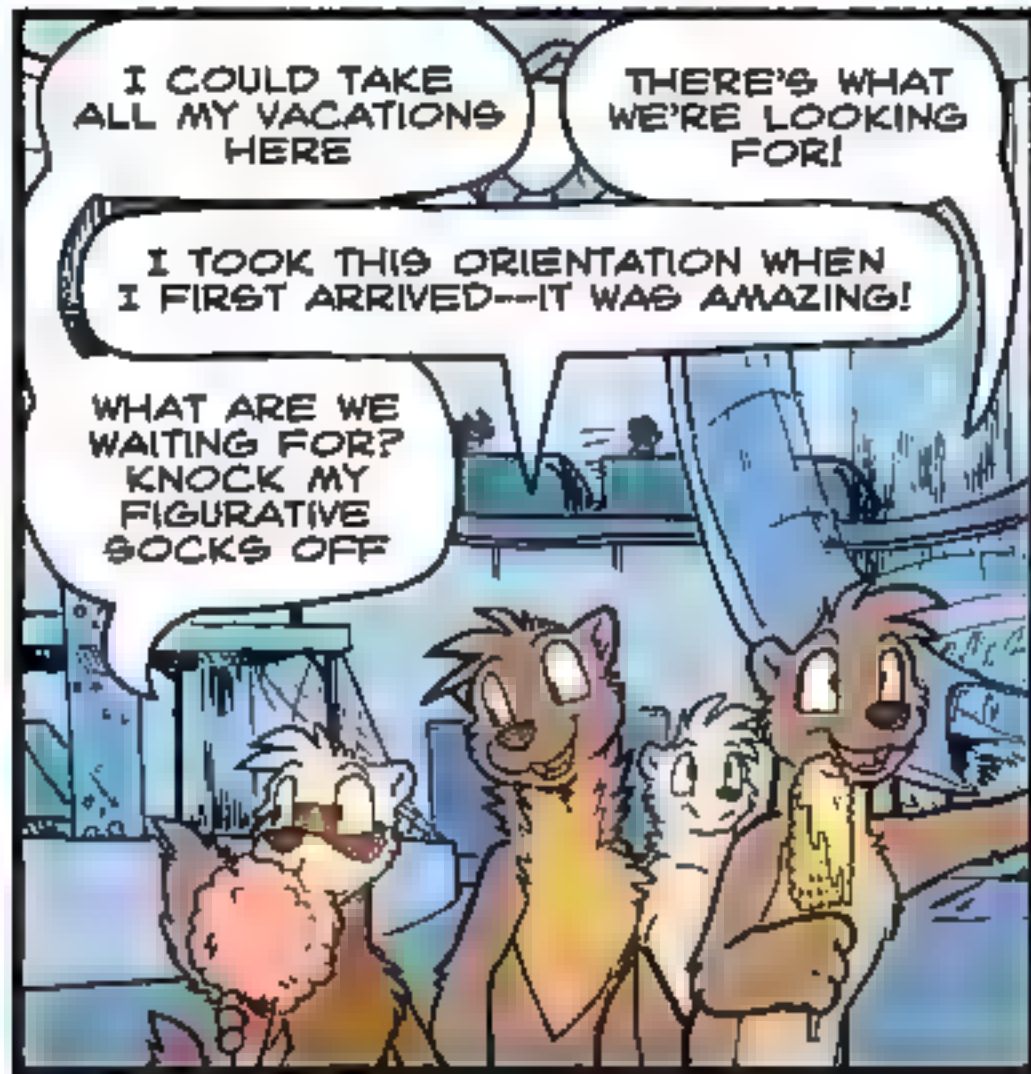
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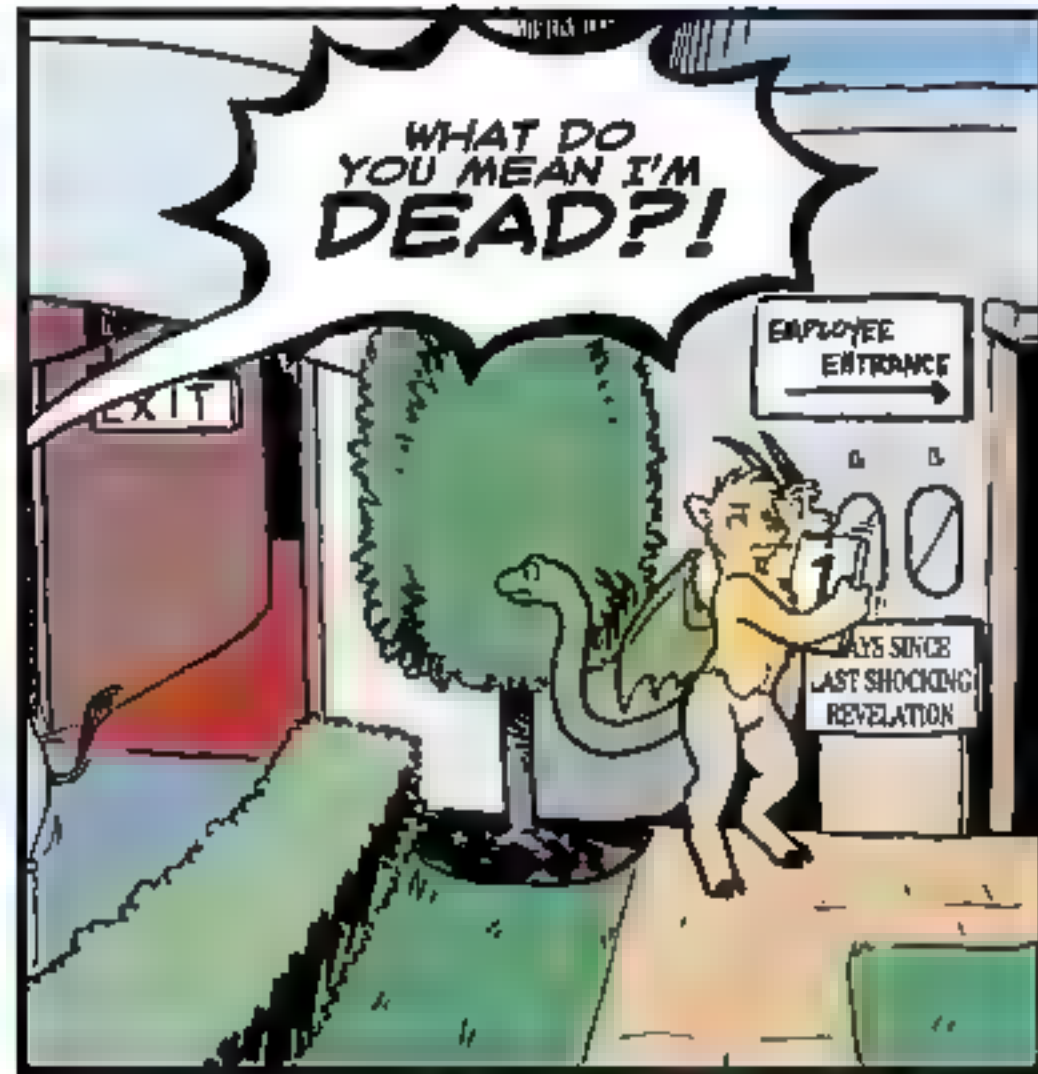
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HELLO, I'M CERBERUS,
SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF
FERRYING THE DEAD

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED
TO BE GUARDING--

PROMOTION!

LOOK--THERE HAS TO BE
A MISTAKE!

WE'RE NOT IN THE BUSINESS
OF MAKING MISTAKES

I MEAN, I CAN'T DIE!

YOU ARE MORTAL,
CORRECT?

COMPLAINT
REPORT
#H4155675
4219516

I MEAN I CAN'T HAVE DIED
FOR NO REASON!

YEAH YOU CAN!

SOMETIMES
WE JUST FILE IT
UNDER "ENTROPY"

I MEAN I STILL
HAVE SOMETHING
IMPORTANT TO DO!

HAVE YOU BOOKED
A CLASS WITH OUR HAUNTING
DEPARTMENT?

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I MEAN!

KEPBEPOS

LOOK, I CAN'T REMEMBER--
NOT HOW I GOT HERE OR
WHAT I WAS DOING JUST
BEFORE

WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT
MY WORK WAS IMPORTANT AND
I CAN'T JUST UP AND DIE
WITHOUT SOME **CLOSURE!**



THIS SEEMS
IMPORTANT TO HIM

MORTALS FIND EVERYTHING
UNNECESSARILY IMPORTANT

BUT HOW *DID* HE GET HERE?
I DON'T REMEMBER BRINGING HIM

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS
ACROSS THE GULF

IT'D BE BEST TO DO
A FOLLOW-UP ANYWAY

THEN THERE IS ONLY
ONE IDEAL PLACE TO GO

YOU DON'T
MEAN--



THE ROOM OF RECALL!

I AM GOING TO
DRAW UPON MY VAST
EXPERIENCE IN CLOSING
IMPORTANT BUSINESS DEALS,
AND PRETEND I KNOW
WHAT IS HAPPENING



IN ORDER TO RETRIEVE YOUR
MEMORIES, STEP INTO THE POOL--
CAREFUL NOT TO WADE IN TOO DEEP

CAREFUL? I THOUGHT YOU
COULDN'T GET HURT IN HEAVEN

THAT IS WHY THE ROOM OF RECALL
IS SECLUDED--RETRIEVING YOUR MORTAL
MEMORIES IS ONE OF THE FEW
DANGERS IN HEAVEN

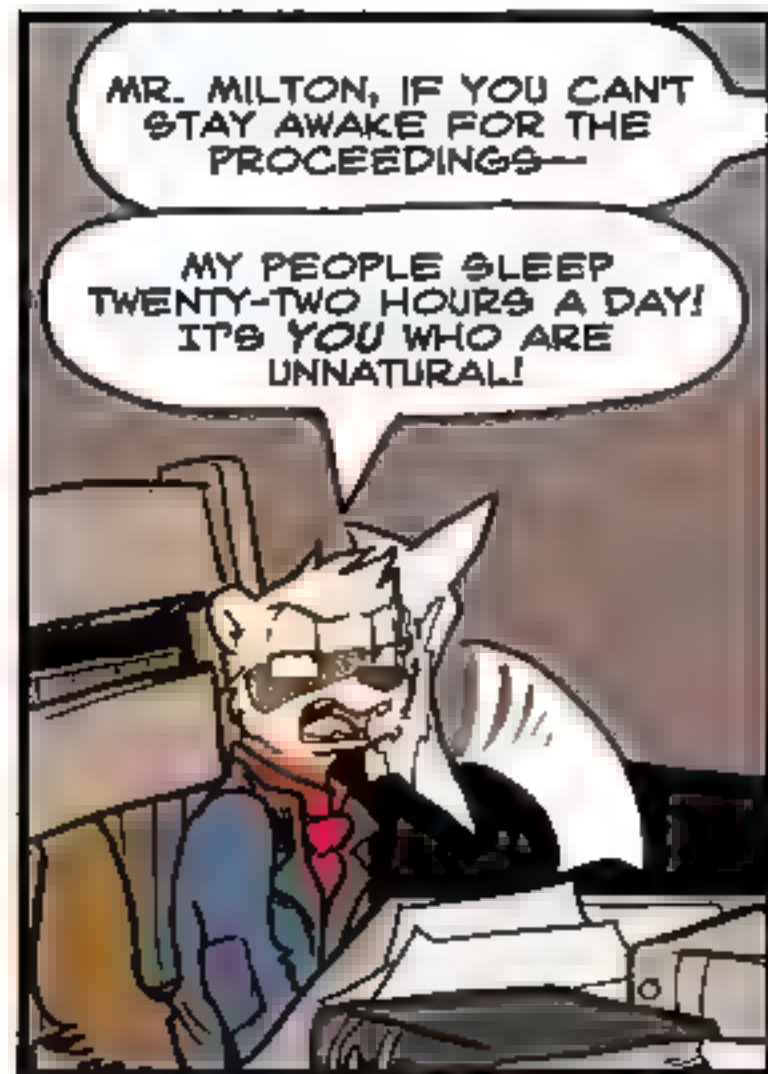
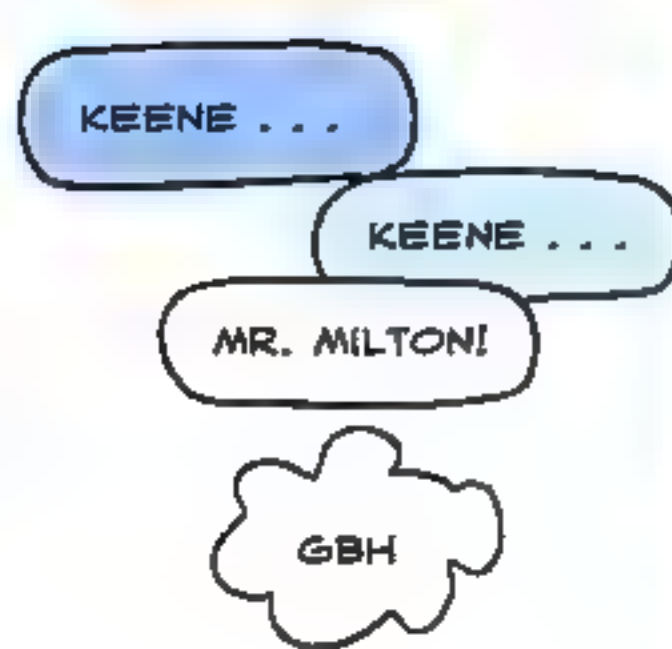
DANGER?! HOW IS IT
DANGEROUS!?

YOU MIGHT NEED A LOT OF HUGS
AFTERWARD

HEAVEN TAKES THE EDGE OUT OF
EVERYTHING, DOESN'T IT?



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THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF
WE COULD JUST BUY WHAT
WE NEED

PEOPLE DON'T LIKE
FEELING BOUGHT,
MR. MILTON

BUT WE'RE TALKING ANIMAL
LIBERATION! REAL LIBERATION,
NOT THE FAKE DESTRUCTIVE
KIND PETA IS PEDDLING

REGARDLESS OF
HOW GOOD THE CAUSE
IS, YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING
TO STEP ON SOMEONE'S
TOES

TOES NOTHING!
I'M OPENING MY HEART,
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY,
MY WALLET, TO THESE
PEOPLE!

IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ON THE
CUSP OF RECOGNIZING
I'M JUST AS SMART AND
CAPABLE AS THEM, BUT
THEY HESITATE--WHY?!

POSSIBLY BECAUSE YOU
DON'T WEAR PANTS IN THE
COURTROOM

THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS
I WEAR IT BETTER

I WARNED YOU WHEN WE
WERE GETTING INTO THIS,
THIS SORT OF LEGAL BATTLE
CAN LAST DECADES

BUT I DON'T
HAVE DECADES

YAWN

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT
FOR MY DAD'S WORLD
THE REST OF MY LIFE!

I WANT TO LIVE IN IT!

I CAN'T WORK
MIRACLES

CLACK

AND I DON'T WANT TO DIE
WITH THE JOB STILL
INCOMPLETE . . .

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU
HAVE A LIFEGUARD

YOU'RE A LITTLE
LATE FOR THAT

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH
WHAT YOU SAW?

THAT JUST MADE
THINGS WORSE!

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT
YOUR UNFINISHED
BUSINESS IS NOW!

... NO

IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO TRY
IN THE FIRST PLACE

WHY SHOULD I BOTHER
FIXING THE WORLD WHEN THIS
WORLD *HERE* ALREADY
HAS EVERYTHING I NEED?

ALL I DID WAS
WASTE MY LIFE

UH OH, THAT'S NOT
A HEALTHY ATTITUDE

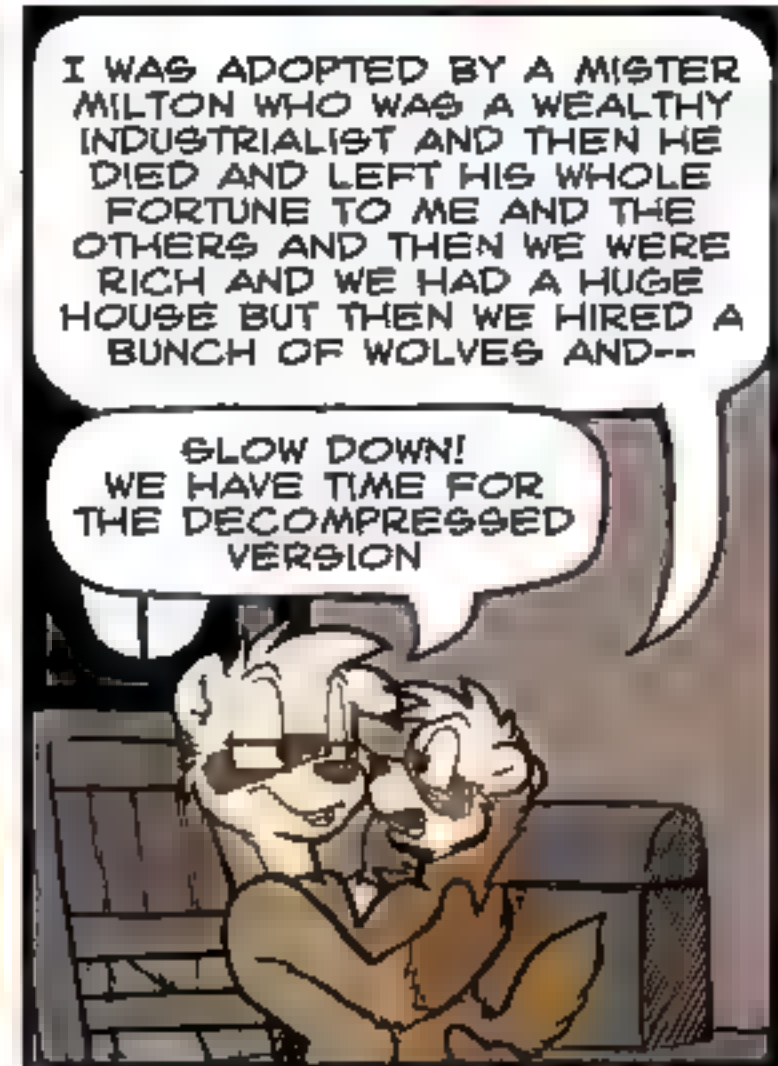
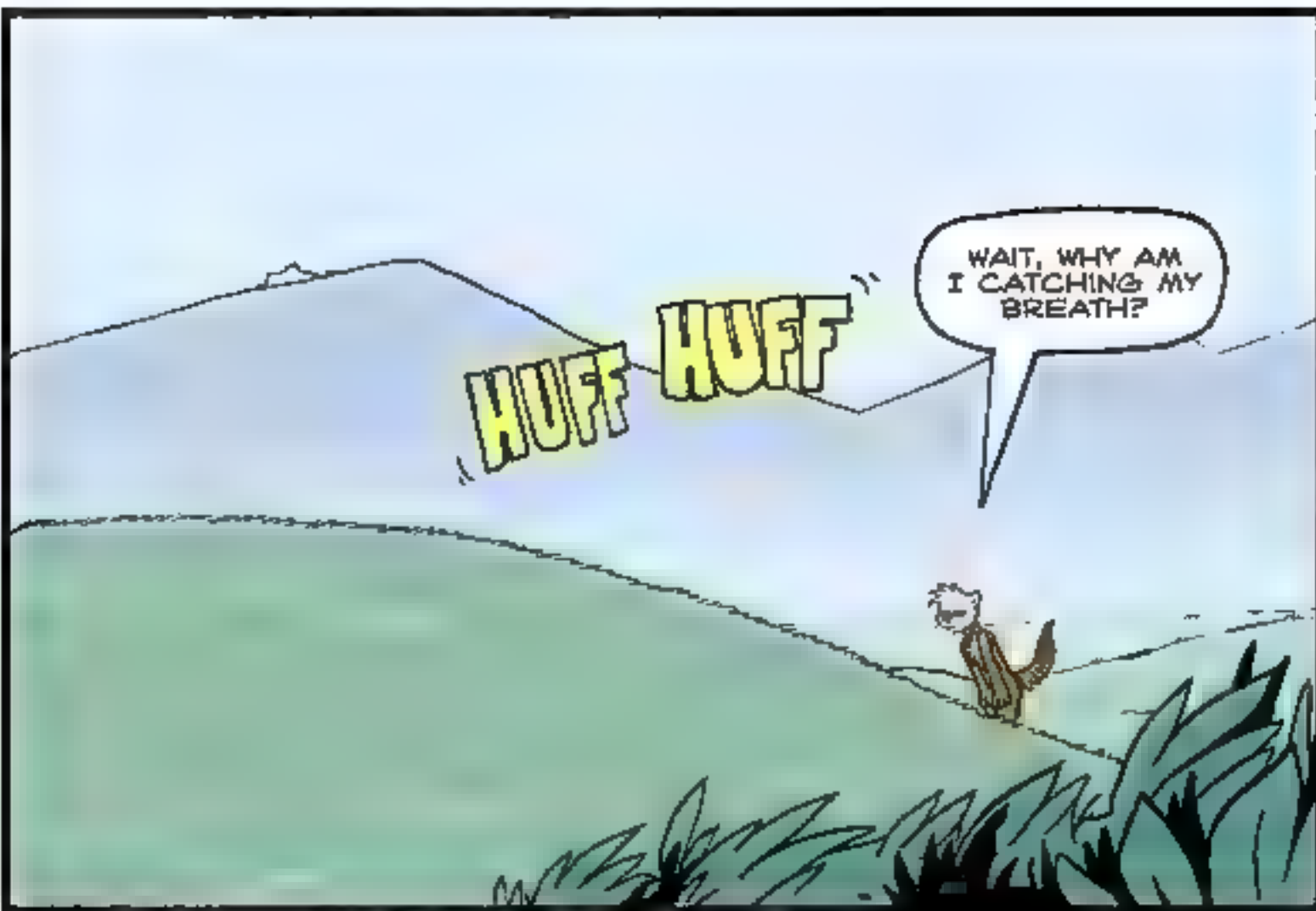
HE NEEDS TO MAKE
PEACE WITH HIS OLD
LIFE, NOT SPURN IT

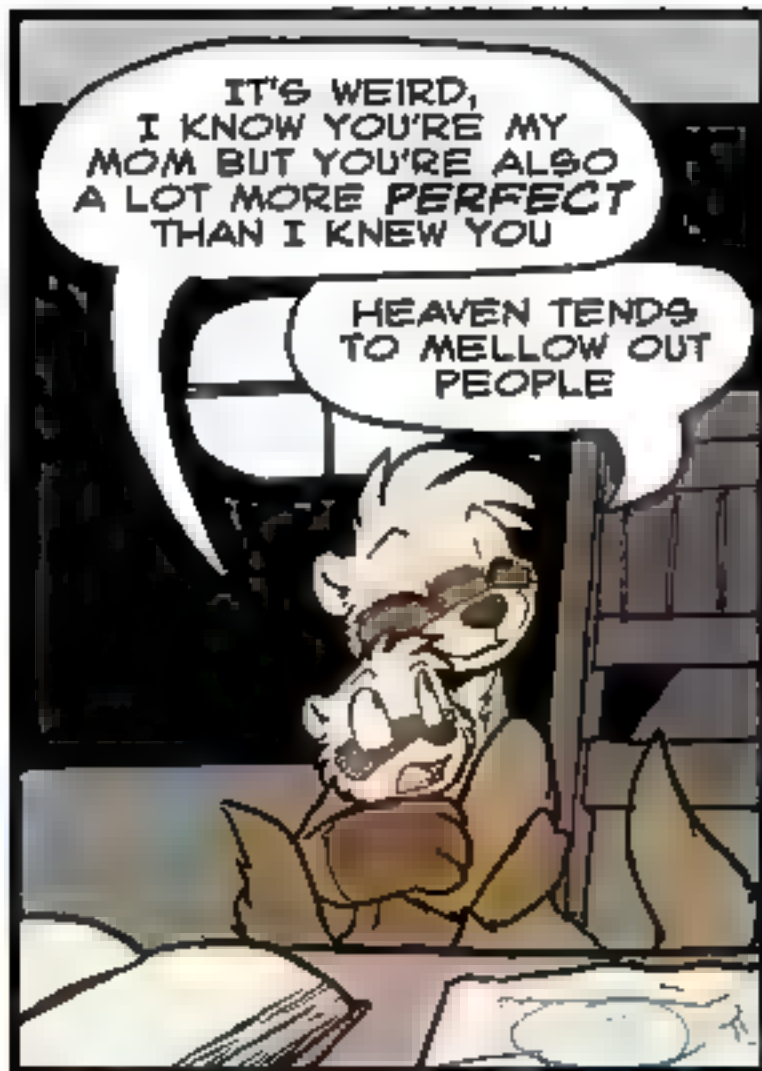
WE SHOULD CHECK ON
HIS FATE IN THE HALL
OF RECORDS

RIGHT!

RIGHT!

ONE OF ME HAS
GÖT TO KEEP AN EYE ON
OUR CHARGE

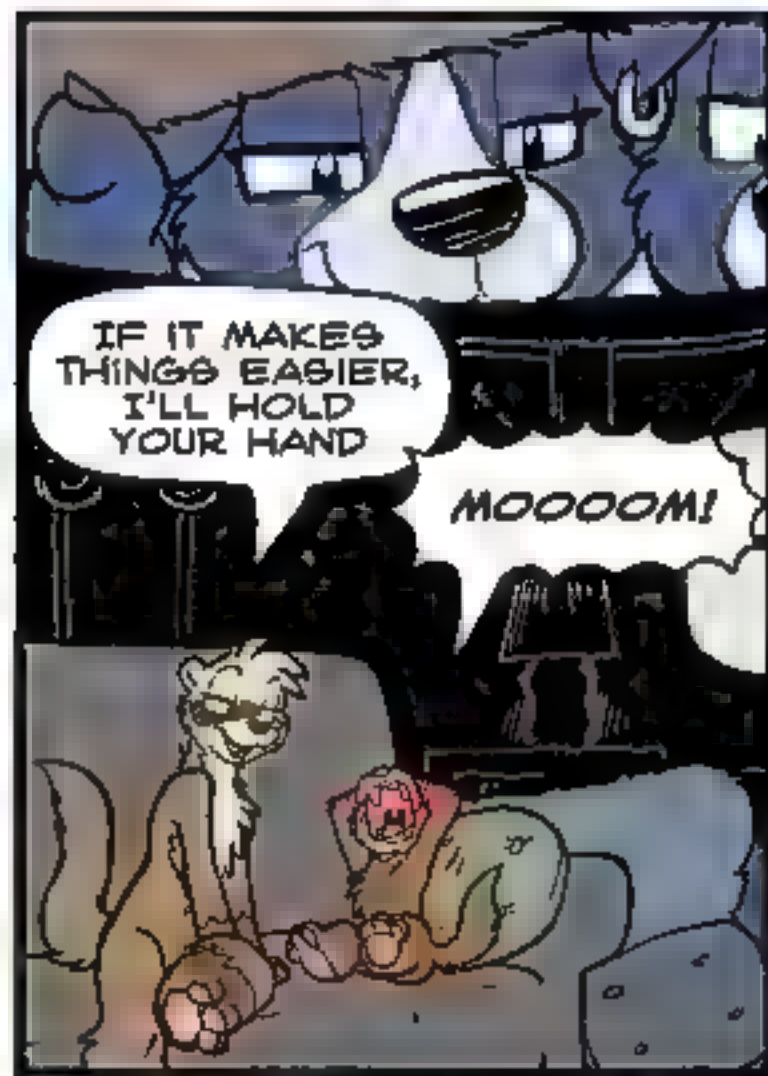




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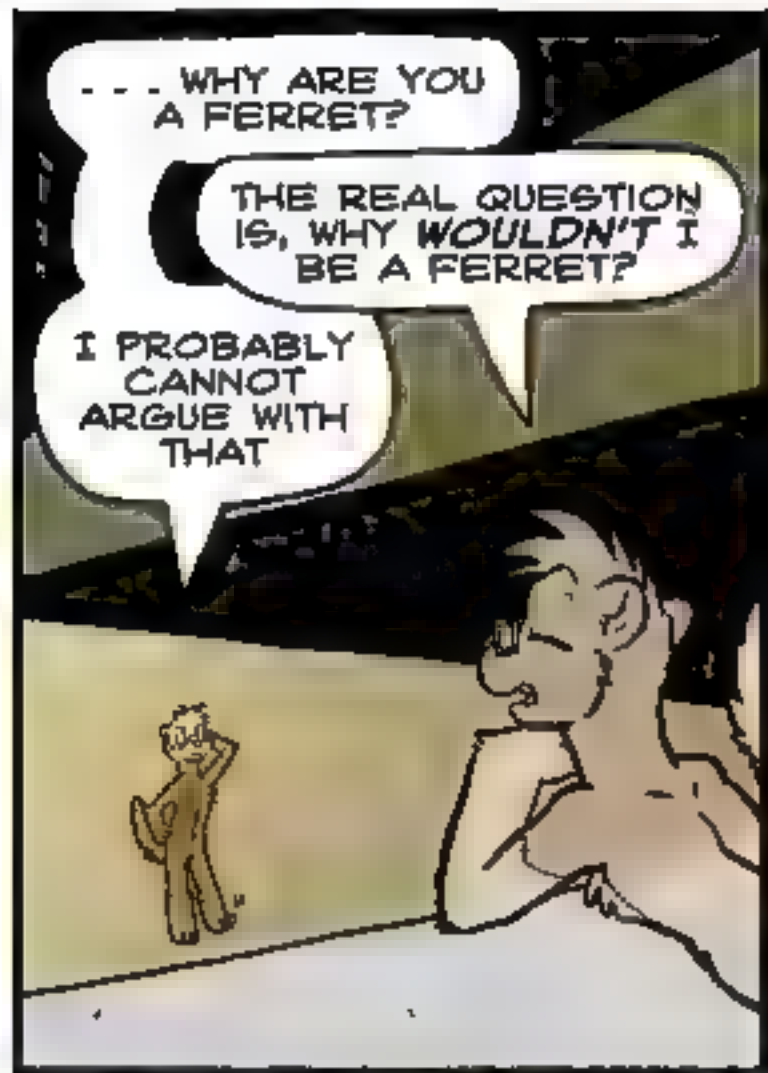




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SO, HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN GOING?

WELL, I'M DEAD
THAT KINDA
DERAILS PLANS

LESS THAN YOU
MIGHT THINK!

WHY? I KNOW YOU WANTED ME
TO CONTINUE YOUR WORK FOR YOU,
BUT IT'S MOOT, ISN'T IT? EVERYTHING
WE WANTED IS ALREADY HERE

MAN AND ANIMAL LIVE IN PEACE,
AND NOBODY SUFFERS

WE COULDN'T GET ANY OF
THAT ON EARTH

HEY, I UNDERSTAND HOW
HARD IT WAS ON EARTH

... HAVING TO GET BY INSTEAD
ON A MEAGER **BILLIONS** OF DOLLARS

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

IT'S SPITTING INTO THE OCEAN!
EVEN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS CAN'T
MAKE PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR
HABITS!

THEN WHY DO YOU THINK
THOSE SAME FLAWED
PEOPLE HERE CAN BE
BETTER?



BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS *TIME*
HERE! EVERYONE CAN BECOME
THE PERFECT VERSION OF
THEMSELVES THEY'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO BE!

AND WHO HAVE YOU
ALWAYS WANTED TO BE?

I JUST WANTED
TO MAKE YOU PROUD!



THE WAY
YOU MADE
OUR LIVES
INFINITELY
BETTER

...

IT MADE ME
WANT TO BE

....



... THE ONE WHO
FIXES EVERYTHING

HEY, YOU CAN
COME IN!
HE FINALLY
GOT IT!



I'M SORRY MY VISIT WAS SO SHORT, BUT I NEED TO GO

HEY, IF YOU MEET ANYONE CUTE ON EARTH, SEND 'EM MY WAY, I'LL GET 'EM WARMED UP FOR YOUR RETURN

BUT NOT, LIKE, PREMATURELY

THANK YOU, DAD

YOU JUST NEEDED A LITTLE REMINDER IS ALL

LIKE I SAID-- EVERYTHING IS RIGHT HERE WAITING FOR YOU

SO THIS CHARMING LADY IS YOUR MOM?

OH YOU~

DAD, DON'T HIT ON MOM, THAT'S WEIRD

CERBERUS! I'D LIKE TO START ON MY HAUNTING LESSONS IMMEDIATELY! THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO DO AND THE SOONER I GET BACK, THE BETTER!

ERM, ABOUT THAT...

DON'T TELL ME THERE'S MORE RED TAPE!

ACTUALLY, IT'S GOOD NEWS!

UPON CHECKING WITH THE HALL OF RECORDS...

IT TURNS OUT YOU CAN GO BACK SOONER THAN EXPECTED!

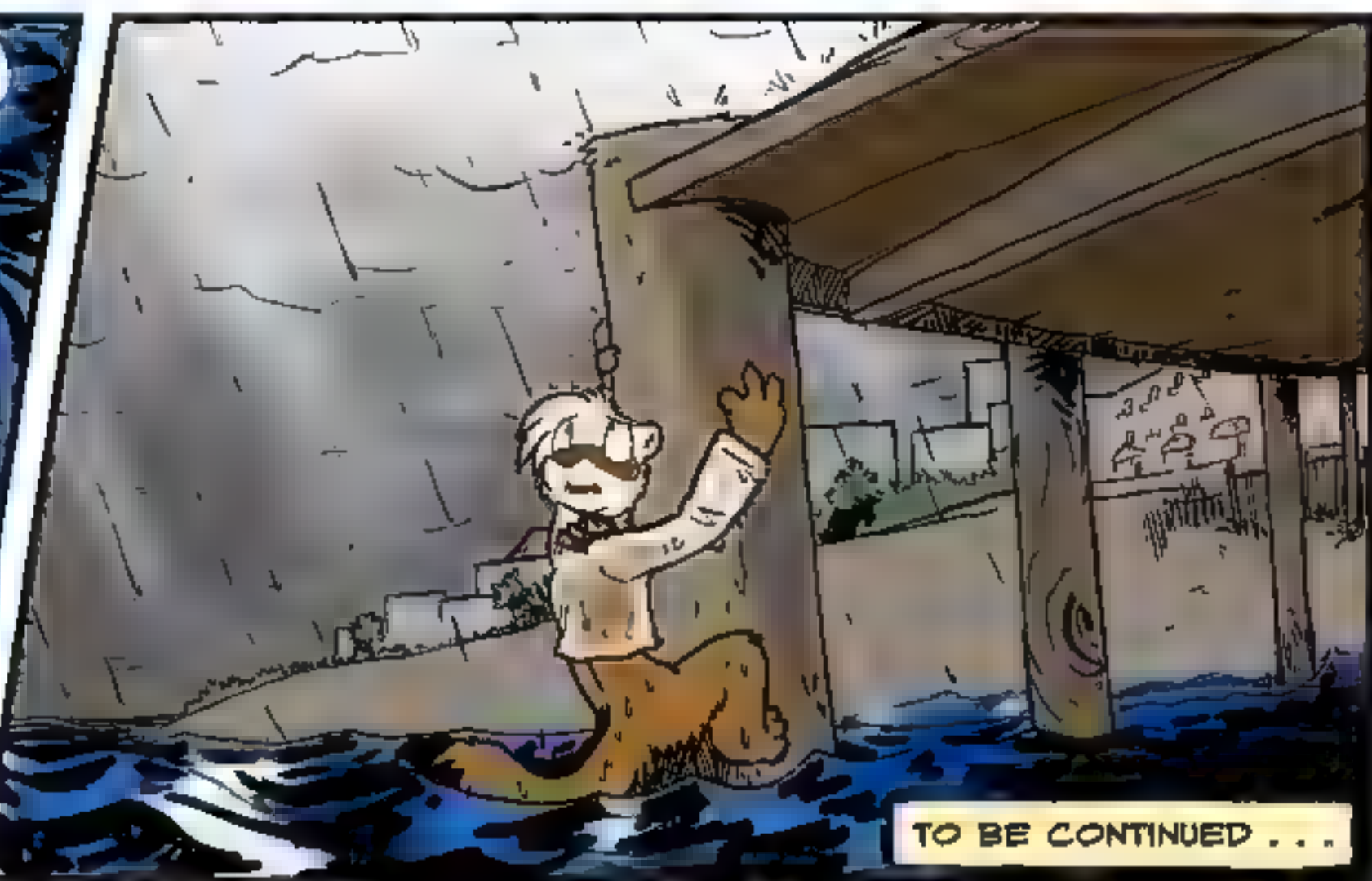
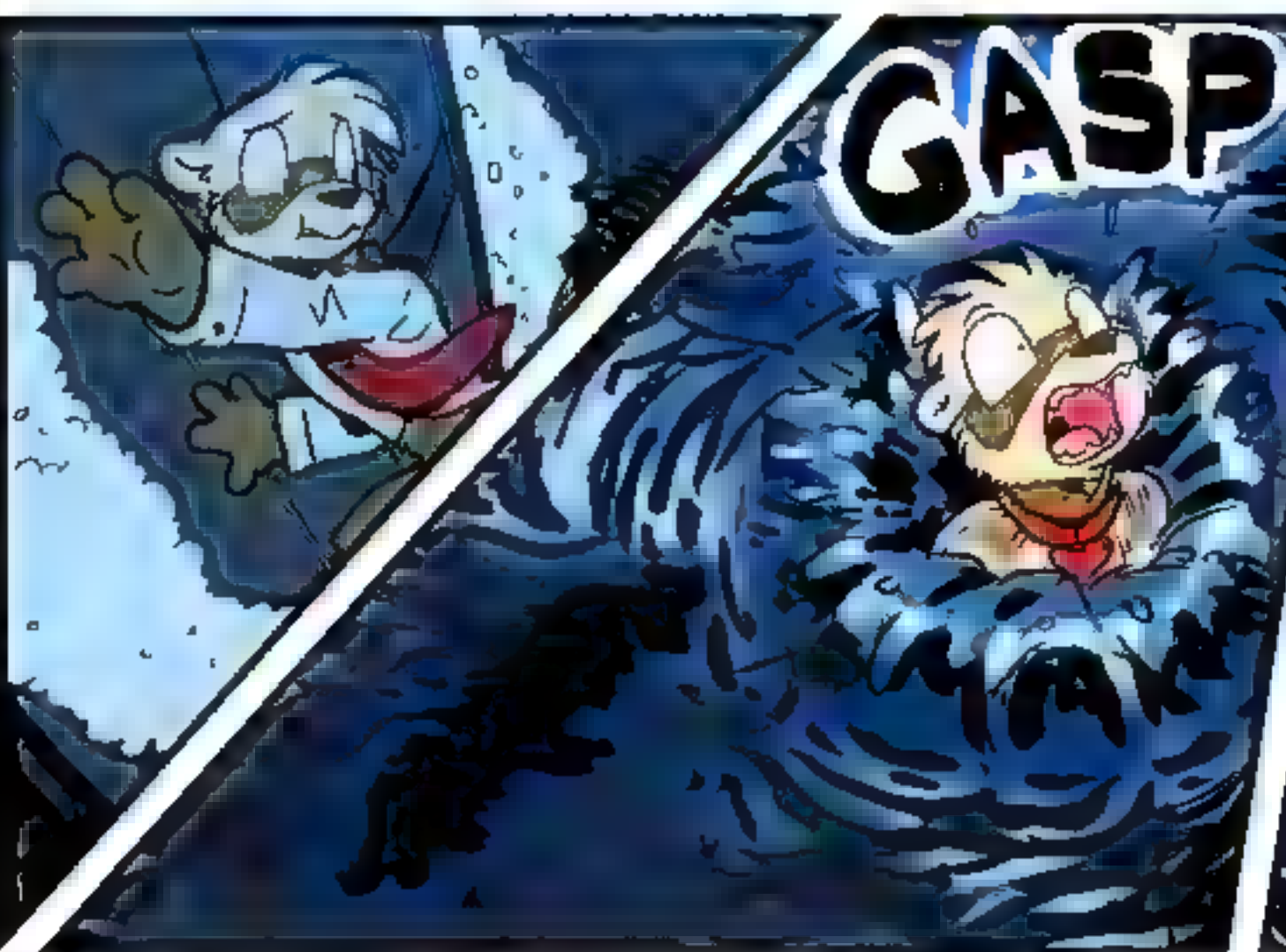
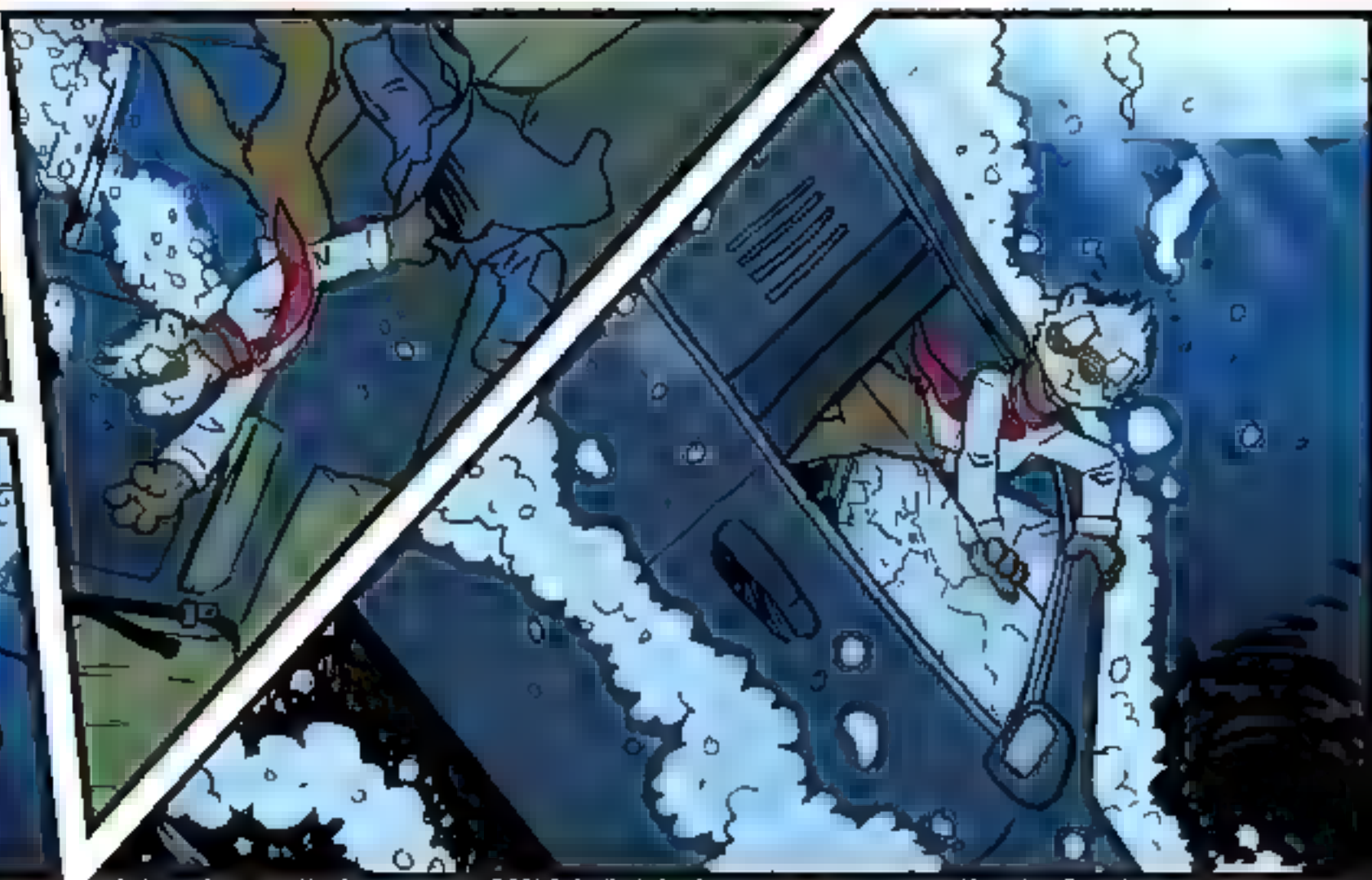
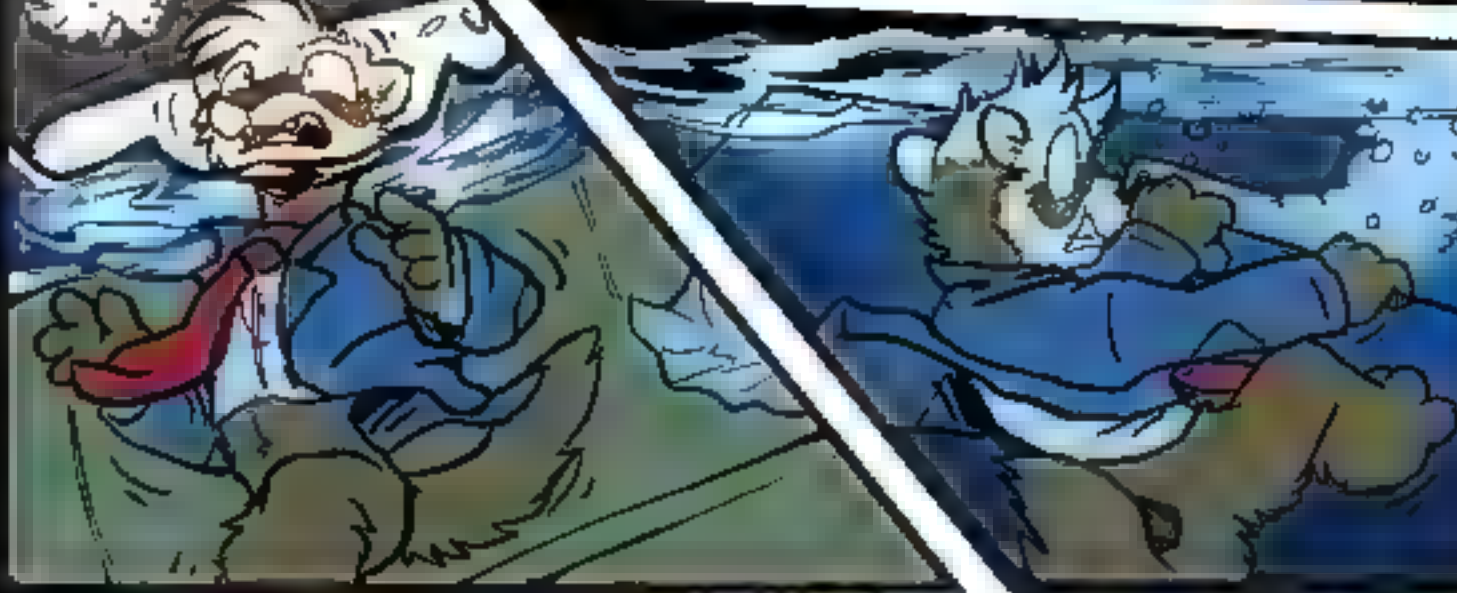
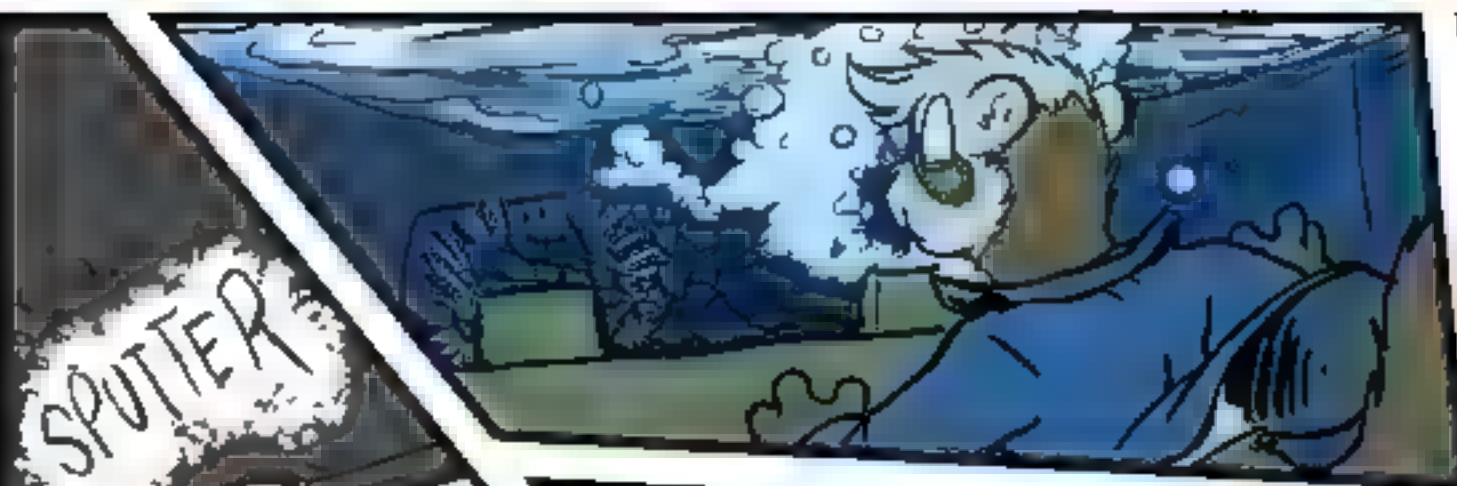
SOONER? THAT'S GREAT! HOW SOON?

... WAIT, UNLESS YOU MEAN--

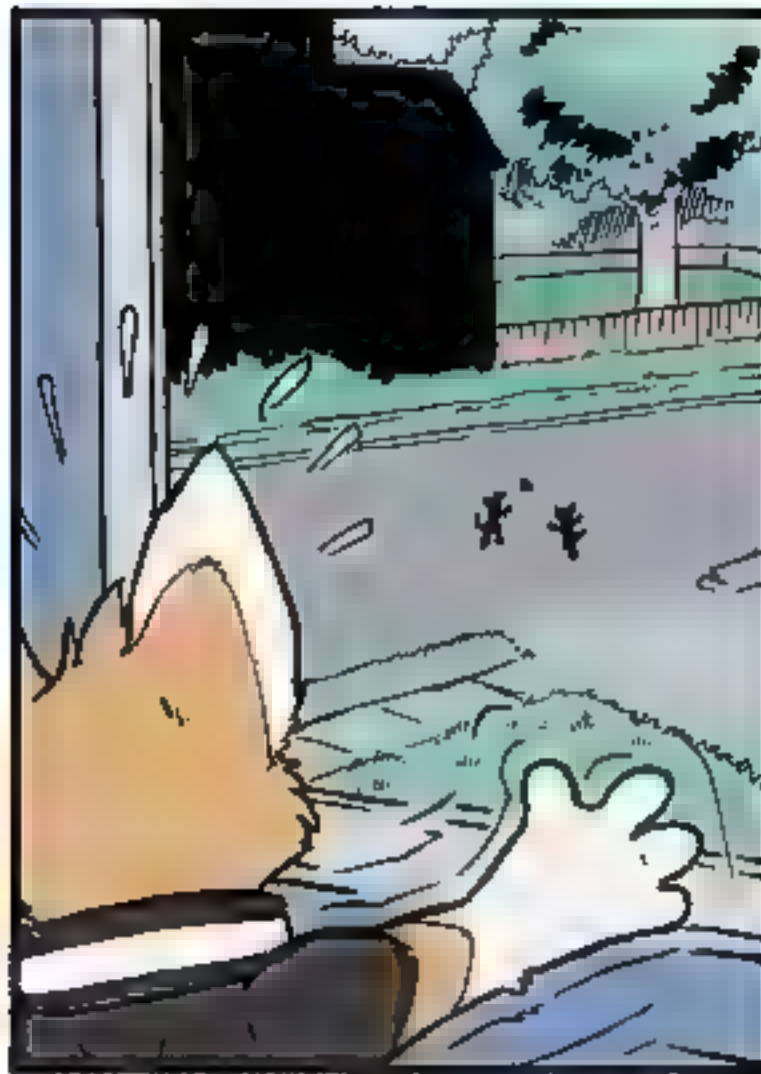
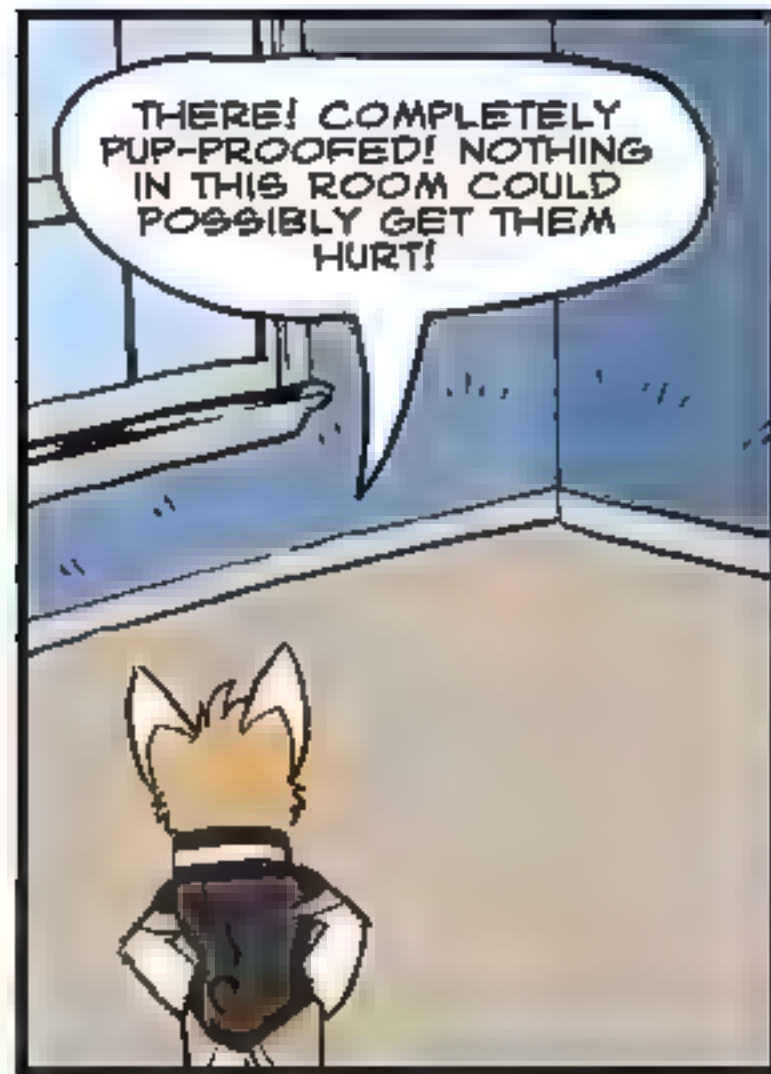
I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO WAKE UP

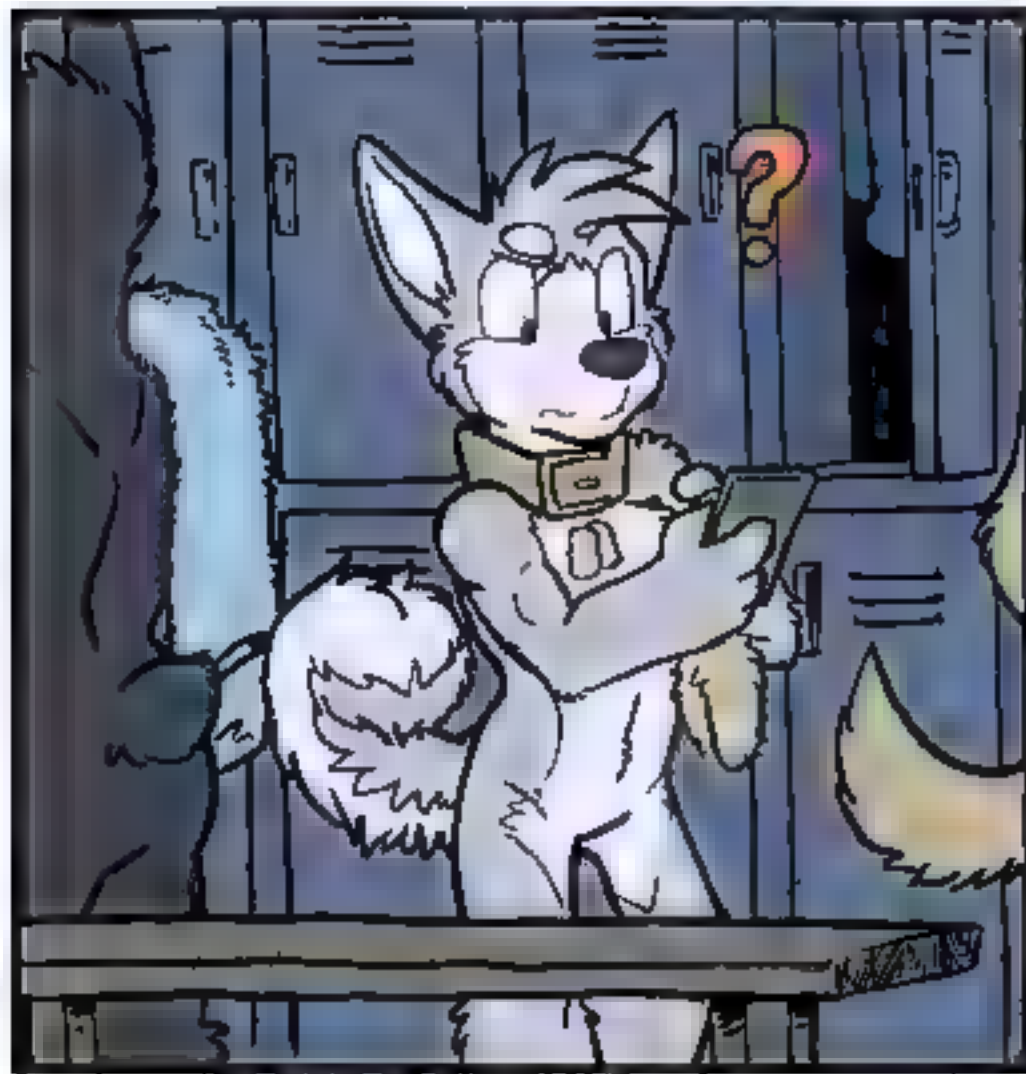
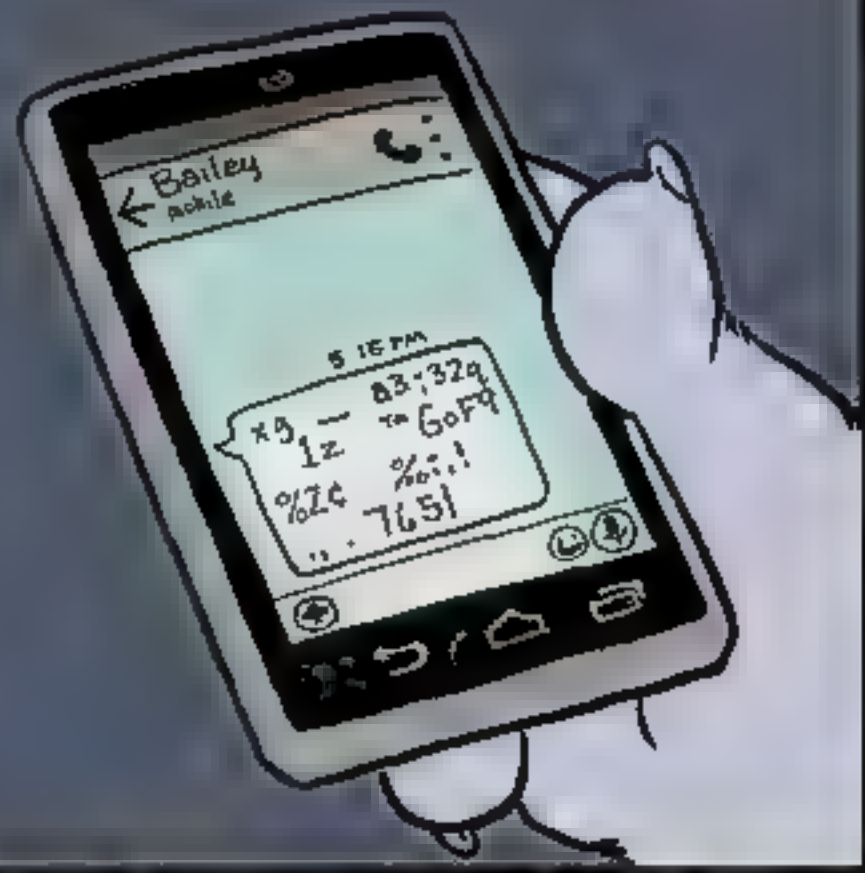
SNAP

NOT AGAAAAAAAIN!!



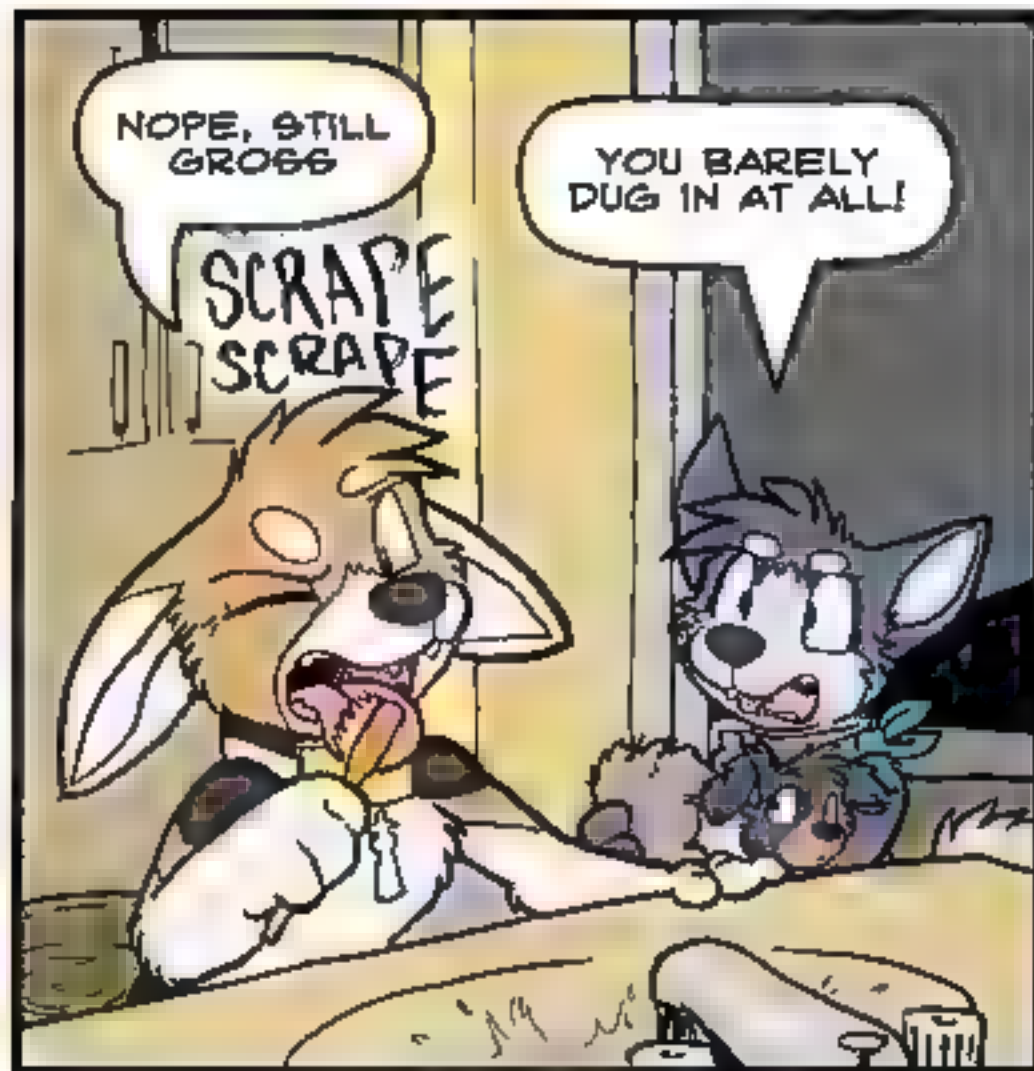
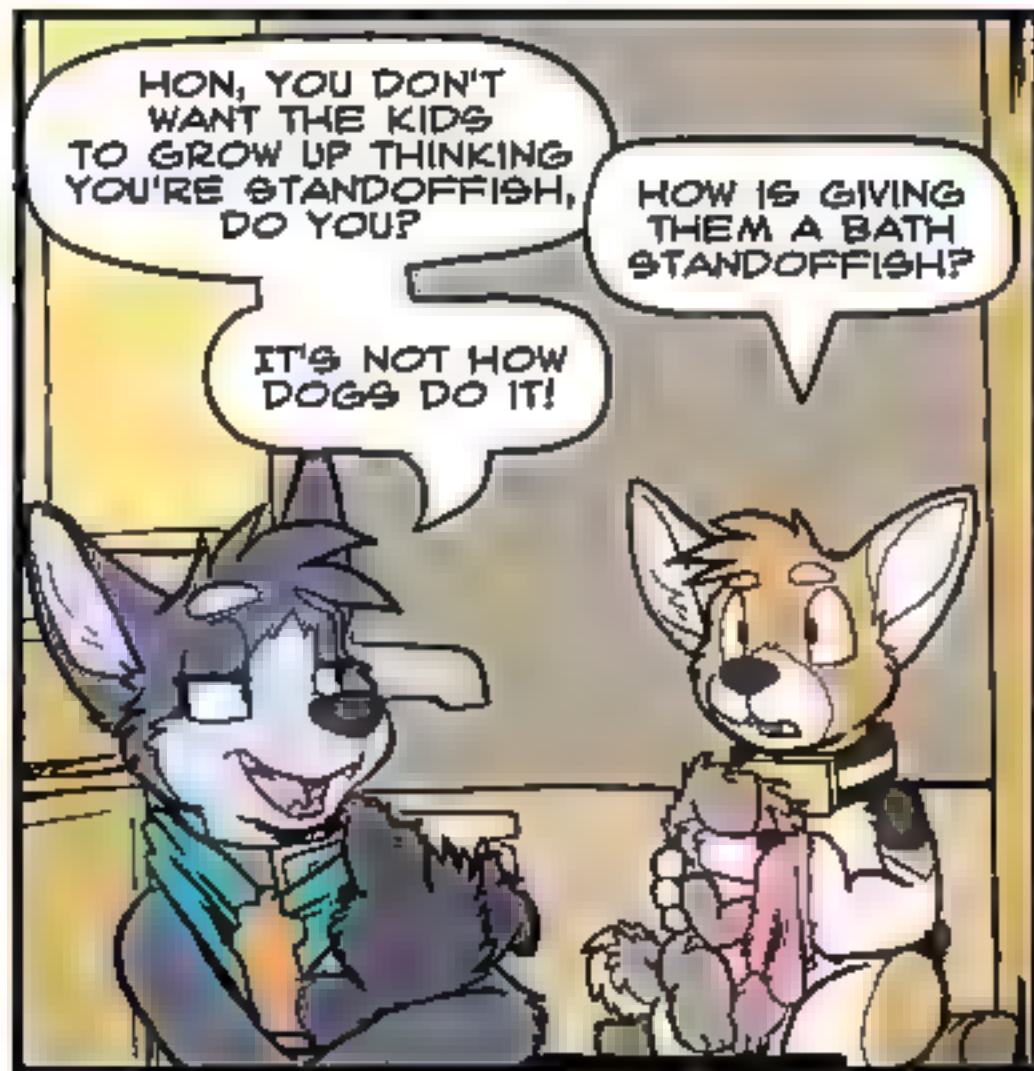
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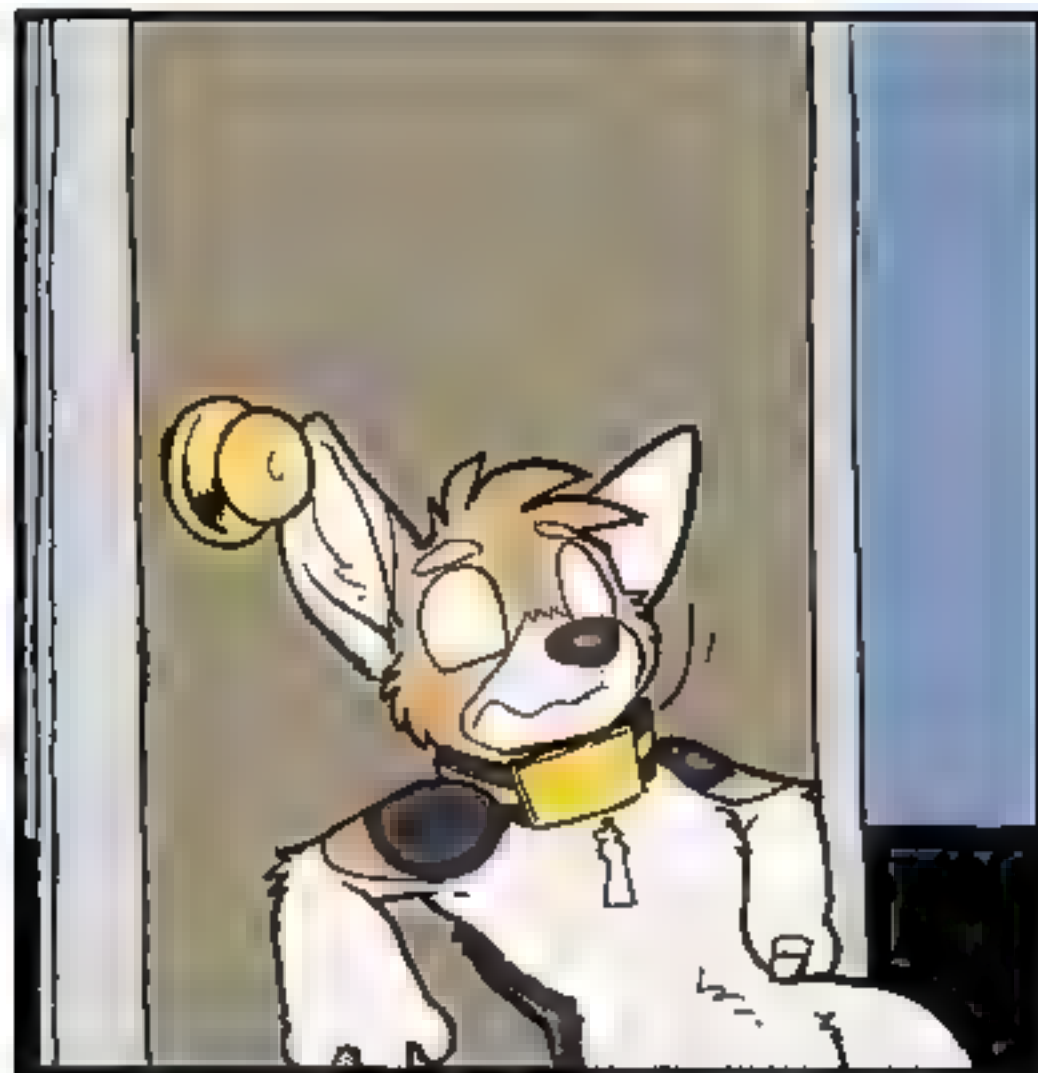




YOU NEED
TO WATCH THEM
CLOSER

I ONLY HAVE
TWO EYES!

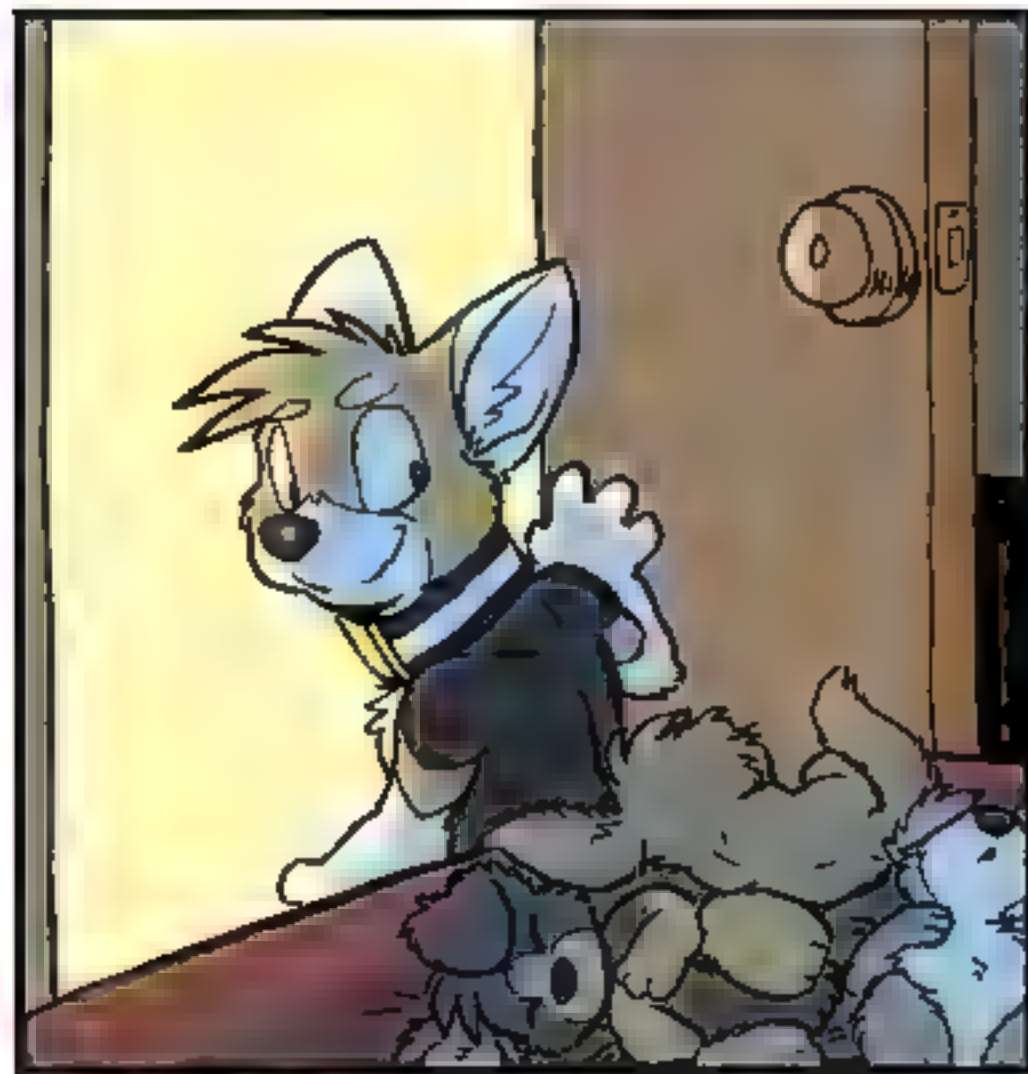






YOU KNOW, YOU'LL ONLY
BE ABLE TO DO THAT FOR
ANOTHER YEAR AT MOST

WHY DO YOU THINK
I'M ENJOYING IT NOW?



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AAAAH, WHAT
GREAT BEING!
THE PLAN WAS
PERFECT!!

I'VE BEEN WATCHING
YOU SINCE YOUR LAST
FRANK NEARLY DESTROYED
THE HILL. IT WAS READY
TO MAKE SURE THIS
FRANK BACKFIRED
HUNDREDS!

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WELL, I WOULD
YOU COULD SAY YOU
OUT-FOUNDED ME!

HLAOROO & HUKLEY

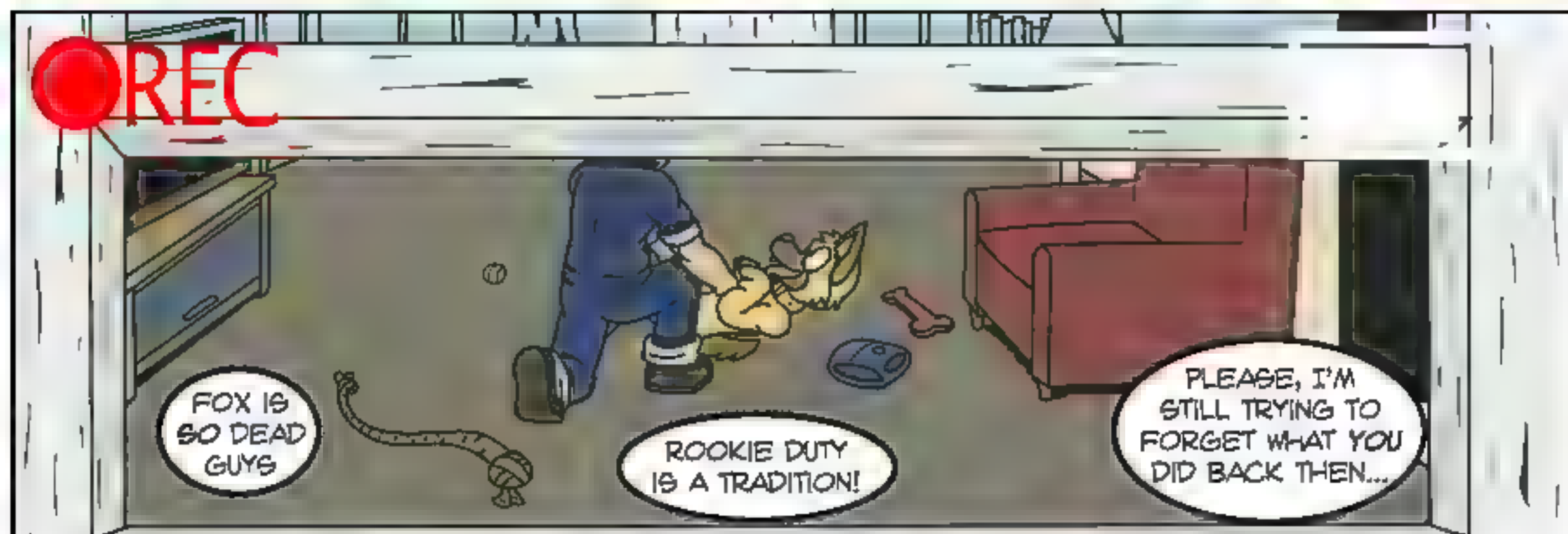
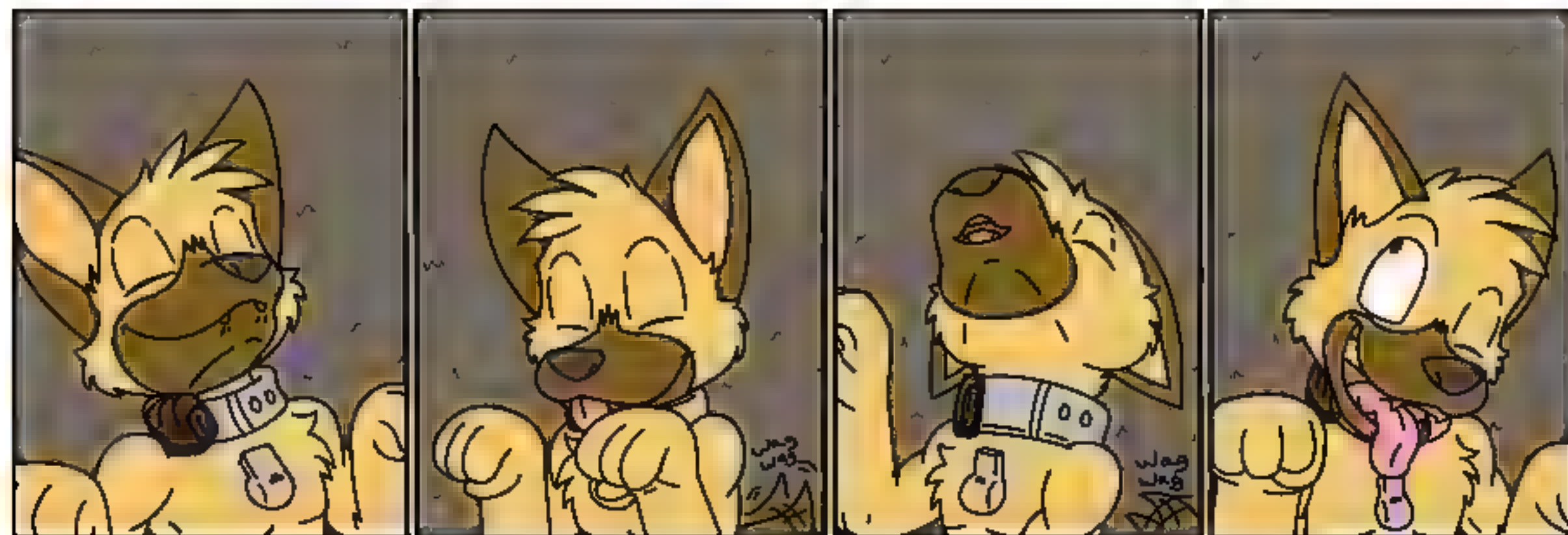
WHO MIGHT THIS FOX BE,
ENTRANCED WITH MY POETRY,
MOGAMI RIVER?

-ITSUKI



WITH THIS I SHALL FOLD
THE WORLD'S LARGEST PAPER PLANE,
MOGAMI RIVER.

-KARISHMA







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What?
We were out of paper
bags!



Don't break the immersion.





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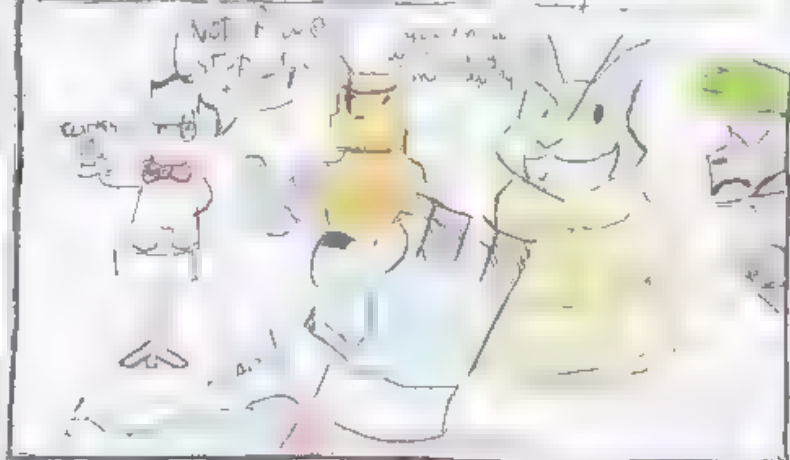


BY GABE BOLD

Okay I need to infiltrate the SUBMARINE SPACEBASE to find out the whereabouts of the missing 121!



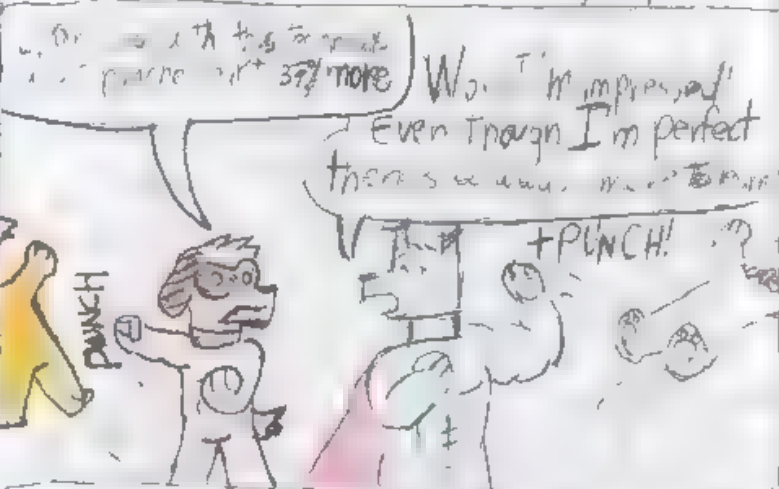
But Spt is a secret! You know, in case you don't know from the poem



But wait, maybe Spt is doomed yet!

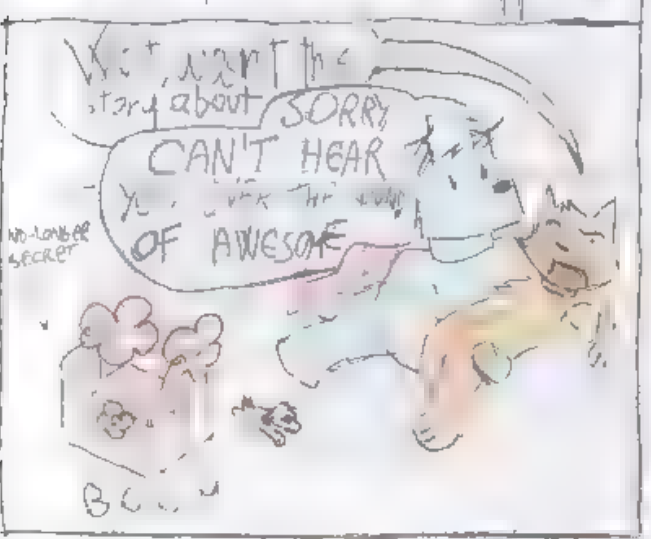
And so, thanks to **SUPERBENOS**'s competence, the villainous foes are more and dispatched

For the first time, I have a plan to stop them from getting away!



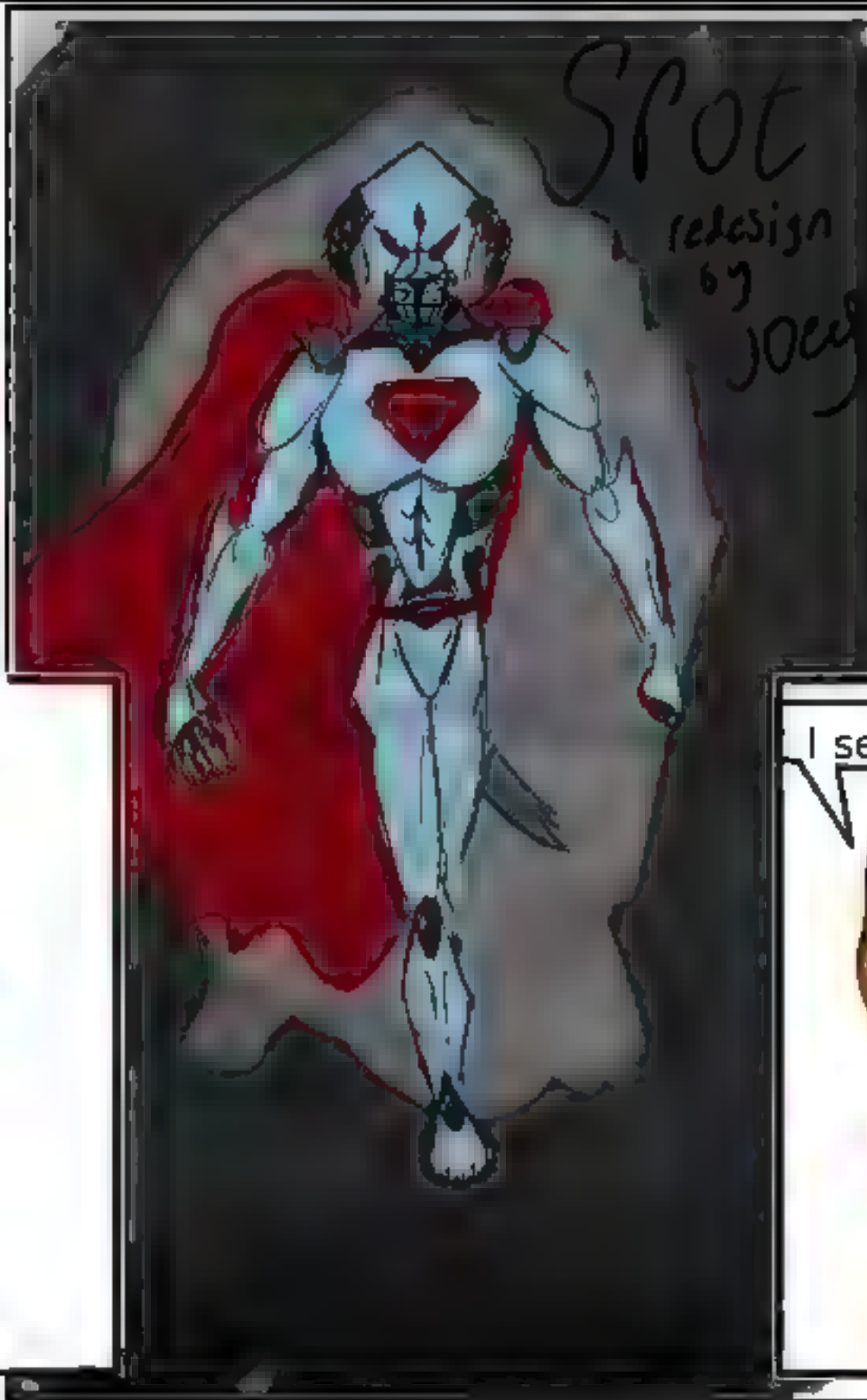
And as the two main agents, now in their superiority, and can stop them from the messes to

And for the first time, married and had a child, + happy 'Love a life'



So? What do you think of the redesign??

Hrm, yeah... have you ever seen any superhero that wasn't from Japan, Joey?



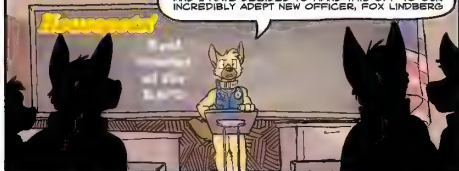
Of course not! That's the whole point!

I see...



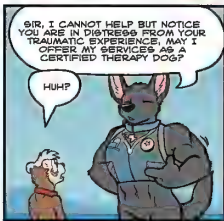
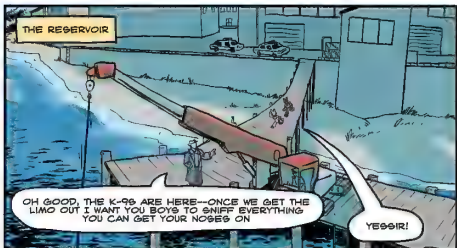
OFFICERS, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT THAT PERSON OR PERSONS UNKNOWN HAVE MADE AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF OUR LOCAL BANKRO--ER, BENEFACTOR, KEENE MILTON

OUR DETECTIVE HAS REQUESTED THE USE OF TWO OF OUR K9s TO HELP, AND I HAVE DECIDED TO HAND THIS OFF TO OUR INCREDIBLY ADEPT NEW OFFICER, FOX LINDBERG

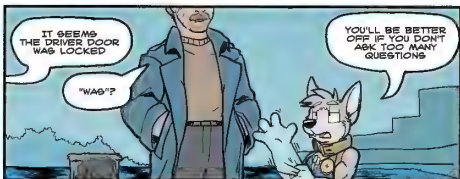












HAVE A SCENT?

HARD TO SAY--IT'S SO WATERLOGGED
I CAN'T TELL IF THERE'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL
IN HERE

ON TOP OF THAT,
EVERYTHING SMELLS
LIKE FERRET MUSK

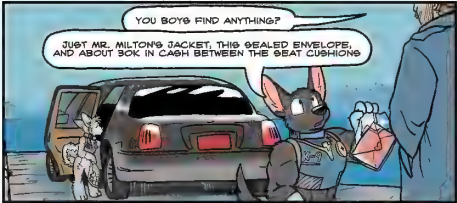
SNIFF DEEPER! REALLY PRESS YOUR NOSE IN--
THERE'S NO WAY TO GET A PRINT OFF THE SEATS ANYHOW

I SUPPOSE I CAN TRY

SNOORT

GET ANYTHING?

A SINUS INFECTION,
PROBABLY



YOU BOYS FIND ANYTHING?

JUST MR. MILTON'S JACKET, THIS SEALED ENVELOPE,
AND ABOUT 30K IN CASH BETWEEN THE SEAT CUSHIONS



YOU MIGHT WANT TO
HANG ONTO THAT ONE

THE CARD'S SOGGED,
BUT WHATEVER'S IN IT,
EVEN I CAN SMELL IT'S
LACED WITH PERFUME



MR. MILTON, WHEN DID
YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER?

THAT'S HARD
TO SAY

BEFORE OR AFTER
YOU LEFT COURT?

AFTER,
DEFINITELY



DO YOU KNOW THE
PERSON WHO GAVE THIS
TO YOU?

NO, BUT
SHE WAS A HUGGY
THE COLOR OF LIME
SHERBET



AND HOW LONG WERE
YOU WITHOUT OXYGEN
AGAIN?

I DIDN'T SAY
THAT INFORMATION
WOULD BE HELPFUL!

KEYS WERE LEFT IN THE IGNITION,
BUT SWITCHED OFF

LIMO WAS SET IN NEUTRAL
PARKING BRAKE ENGAGED

WE COULD RULE OUT A DRIVER
BAILING AT THE LAST MOMENT

WHOEVER PUSHED IT, THEN, GAVE
THEMSELVES AMPLE TIME TO SLIP
AWAY UNDER COVER.

CLIK
CLIK

BUT IF THE BRAKE WAS ON--

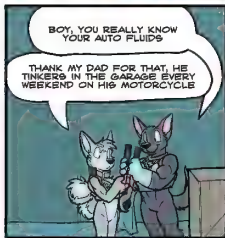
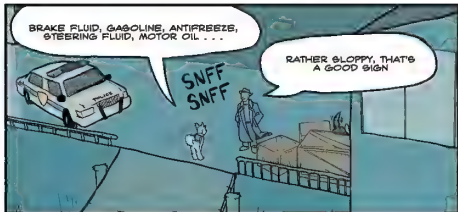
YES, THAT MEANS
WE SHOULD FIND THE BRAKE
CABLE HAS BEEN CUT

BRAKE CABLE NOTHING--
EVERYTHING'S BEEN GLASHED
TO USELESSNESS!

CREAK

MUNGO! CAR DOWN!

Y'KNOW, I CAN SAVE YOU
TIME IF YOU LET ME ...



GOOD WORK BOYS--I'M HEADING UP TO THE COURTHOUSE
NEXT--IF I LEAVE A SCOOTER HERE, CAN YOU TWO STAY
AND KEEP THE AREA SECURE UNTIL THE TOW TRUCK ARRIVES?

YOU CAN COUNT ON US, SIR!
WE ARE LASER-FOCUSED ON THE TASK
AT HAND!

WE SHALL NOT,
WE SHALL NOT BE
MOVED, SIR!

EXCELLENT!

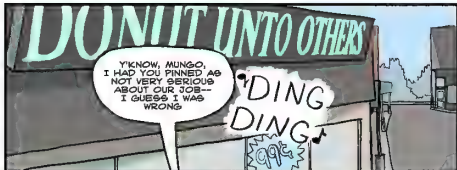


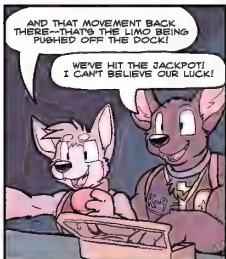
CLICK
CLACK
VRRRRMM...

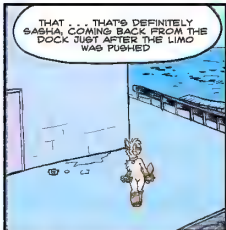
I HAVE BEEN THINKING NON-STOP
ABOUT THAT DONUT SHOP ON
THE CORNER SINCE WE GOT HERE

ME TOO,
TIME FOR OUR
BREAK

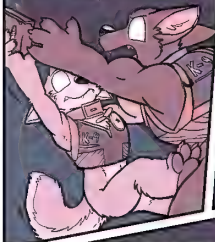




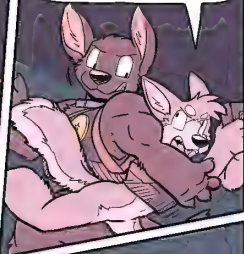




FOX! YOU CAN'T MAKE
EVIDENCE DISAPPEAR!



I'M NOT GOING TO *DESTROY* IT!



BESIDES, IF YOU SNATCHED
THIS FROM MY HAND, YOU'D
CRUSH IT!



OH RIGHT



ROOKIE, YOU CAN'T JUST
MESS WITH PROCEDURE
LIKE THAT!

I JUST WANT TO TALK
WITH SASHA BEFORE WE
TURN THIS IN!

IN CASE ...

IN CASE WHAT?

I DON'T KNOW!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG HERE
AND I REALLY WANT TO KNOW THE
CONTEXT BEFORE SHE'S TOSSED
IN AN INTERROGATION ROOM!

I PROMISE WE'LL TURN THE TAPE
IN PROMPTLY, BUT FOR HER SAKE,
CAN WE DELAY A LITTLE?

OKAY,
BUT PROMPTLY

CAN YOU PUT
ME DOWN NOW?

AFTER WE DELAY
A LITTLE

BABYLON GARDENS

KNOCK KNOCK

MR. HARTFORD?

YEAH?

OFFICER LINDBERG, K9PD, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR DOG SASHA

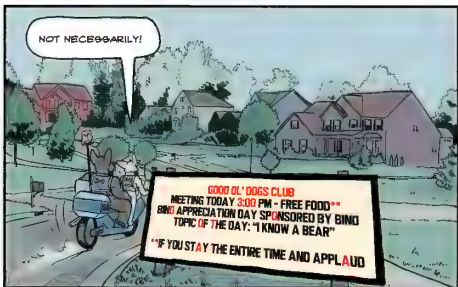
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU GUYS DID ANIMAL CONTROL PRESCIENT TOO, I HAVEN'T EVEN CALLED YET

IS THERE A PROBLEM? CAN I SPEAK WITH HER?

FAR AS I'M CONCERNED YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH HER--OBEDIENCE CLASSES WERENT WORTH THE PAPER THEY'RE PRINTED ON

COURSE, YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO FIND HER FIRST

WHY DO THEY NEVER LEAD WITH THE IMPORTANT PART?







... AND I SHOULD REITERATE THAT THE GREATNESS OF THE BEAR WITH WHICH, THEREFORE, HERETOFORE, I AM BESTOWED, REVEALS ME TO BE TOTALLY AWESOME, ET AL.

AND SO IT IS WITH GREAT PRIVILEGE THAT--



--YOU'RE GONNA LET US AT THE BUFFET?

JUST FOR THAT, I'M GOING TO TALK FOR ANOTHER HOUR

HEY, THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT! CLUB LOYALTY HAS BEEN SLIPPING, AND IF REVELING IN MY GREATNESS DOESN'T GET THE **GOOD OL' DOGS** BACK ON TRACK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU! YES, I KNOW MY ADMONISHMENT IS SO INCREDIBLY FAIR YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BURST INTO APPLAUSE, PERHAPS TEARS--I IN MY HUMBLENESS ALLOW YOU THIS MOMENT OF WEAKNESS



OKAY, I KNOW I'M USUALLY OBLIVIOUS TO YOUR REACTIONS BUT THIS IS GETTING SUSPICIOUS



BINO CAN I USE THE PODIUM FOR A SECOND?

GAH!

FOX, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DIDN'T I KICK YOU OUT?

I LEFT OF MY OWN VOLITION

DON'T USE YOUR FOUR DOLLAR WORDS AT ME!

WHATEVER, YOU WIN, NOW GIMME THE MIC

NO!

BINO GIMME THE MIC

NEVER!!

LADIES AND GENTLEDOGS, THIS IS ALL PART OF THE PROGRAM! AFTER DEMONSTRATING MY INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, YOU WILL SIT THERE AS I MAKE SMOOCHES WITH MY GIRLFRIEND!

THEY MOST CERTAINLY WILL **NOT!**

LOOK, EVERYONE--

FOX FOX FOX FOX
FOX

I'M NOT BACK FOR GOOD!
I'M HERE BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN
A SERIOUS PROBLEM

SASHA HARTFORD WENT MISSING
RECENTLY AND I NEED EVERYONE TO MEET
ME AND OFFICER MUNGO IN THE BACK ROOM
IF YOU HAVE ANY RECENT INFORMATION
REGARDING HER

ANY QUESTIONS?

CAN WE GET OUR FOOD NOW?

YES, GO AHEAD

NO! NO YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED
TO GET FOOD! HE'S NOT THE ONE
IN CHARGE! I'M THE ALPHA DOG!
I'M THE ALPHA!

THAT MEANING OF "ALPHA" HAS BEEN
DEPRECIATED, IT NO LONGER MEANS
THE ONE WHO RULES BY FORCE

NO ONE
ASKED YOU

THANKS FOR COMING OUT--
CAN YOU GIVE US ANYTHING
THAT MIGHT HELP US FIND GAGHA?



I WAS KISSING HER ALL UP
AND DOWN LIKE THIS, AND SHE
WAS LIKE "OH GRISWOLD, YOU'RE
SO MUCH BETTER THAN KRIS"

HER BOYFRIEND'S
NAME IS KEVIN

LOOK,
SHE SAID
A LOT OF
THINGS



AND THEN, HER COOKIES
WERE BETTER THAN MINE SO
I SWAPPED THEM AT
THE BAKE SA-ALE!

REX, CALM
DOWN BUDDY...



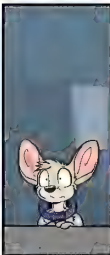
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE?

I LIKE DOG BISCUITS!
DID EVERYONE FORGET
I HAVE THIS ENDEARING
QUIRK?!



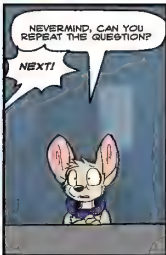
I'VE BEEN STANDING
IN LINE FOR A WHILE,
CAN I HIT THE HYDRANT
FIRST?

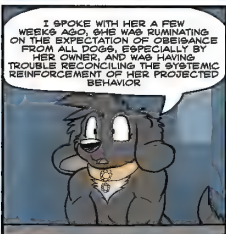
IT'S ONLY ONE
QUESTION!



NEVERMIND, CAN YOU
REPEAT THE QUESTION?

NEXT!





SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER
TO PUT ON A HAPPY
FACE, YOU KNOW?

BUT IT SEEMED
LIKE WHEN GASHA
CAME BACK FROM
OBEDIENCE TRAINING,
SHE WASN'T EVEN
DOING THAT WELL

IF SHE RAN AWAY, SHE HAS A
SMALL HIDEOUT IN THE WOODS,
THOUGH ONLY A COUPLE
DOGS KNOW WHERE IT IS . . .

YOU'D BETTER NOT BE
LEADING US IN CIRCLES

OH, NO,
I REALLY APPRECIATE
FORCED SERVITUDE,
OFFICER KRUPKE!

THERE, THE HOUSE
THAT THE MIDGET BUILT

THANK YOU FOR RUINING
A PERFECTLY GOOD
AFTERNOON, NOW IF
YOU'LL EXCUSE ME I
NEED TO GO HOME
AND NOT THINK
ABOUT MY EARS BEING
STAPLED INTO MY
EYEBALLS

YOUR COUNTRY
THANKS YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE



HAHEHE

I WASN'T
STEALING
NOTHIN'





CALM DOWN, WE'RE
JUST LOOKING FOR THE,
I GUESS, OWNER OF THIS
HOUSE, HAVE YOU SEEN HER?



OH YOU MEAN THE TRAVELER!

LEGEND HAS IT THE TRAVELER WANDERS
TO THIS SACRED PLACE ON LONELY
NIGHTS . . . SEE THAT'S WHY YOU GOTTA
REPLACE ANYTHING YOU TAKE, CAUSE IS
SACRED



OH SO YOU DONT KNOW GASHA

THAT'S HER NAME!
YEAH MOM KNOWS HER



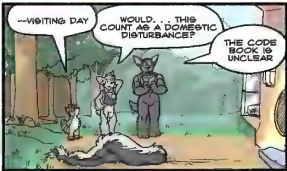
BUT YOU--

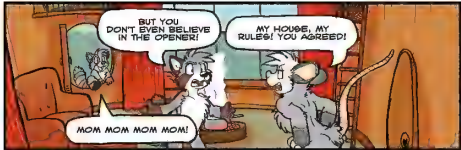
LEGENDS SOUND
COOLER WHEN
THEY'RE VAGUE
AND SPOOKY



HEY! I SAW THIS PLACE
BEING BUILT ON HGTV!

YAH, IT'S PRETTY COOL,
ALTHOUGH YER GONNA
WANNA WATCH OUT FOR--







RELAX, INK,
I'LL HANDLE THIS



YOU CANT INTIMIDATE US,
I KNOW MY RIGHTS! NAMELY THAT I HAVE
NONE, AND THEREFORE NOTHING TO LOSE

AND DONT TRY ANY OF
YOUR FANCY REVERSE PSYCHOLOGISTS
ON ME!

WE'RE NOT HERE
TO EVICT YOU



YOU WIN *THIS*
ROUND . . .





SHE'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND HERE
EVERY EVENING! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO
INTERCEPT!

GREAT! WE'LL RADIO
HQ AND GET A TEAM ON
STAKEOUT!

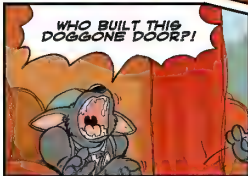


WHAT!? BUT THIS IS OUR CHANCE!

IT'S AN HOUR UNTIL
THE END OF SHIFT!
I'M GOING BACK WITH
OR WITHOUT YOU!



... WELL?
WHEN I'M READY!



FOX, COME ON, I HAVEN'T
HAD ANYTHING TO EAT SINCE
THE DONUTS

NOT UNTIL WE FIND--

LA LA LA HIDING IN
THE FOREST!

SASHA!

WELL IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU FOUND ME,
OFFICER!

THANK DOG,
I WAS SO WORRIED
ABOUT YOU!

AND NOW YOU CAN
EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT YOU
WERE DOING AT THE DOCKS
THIS MORNING!

THAT'S EASY!

I WAS TRASHING
THE UNDERSIDE
OF A BIG LIMOUSINE!

GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME!

WH—SASHA! NO YOU WERENT!
THERE WAS SOME INNOCENT REASON
YOU WERE WALKING AROUND THE
DOCKS, RIGHT?!

INNOCENTLY SEVERING
BREAK LINE, FUEL LINE,
TRANSMISSION . . .

NO NO NO NO! YOU'RE BEING FRAMED!

YES, I'M THINKING
A TASTEFUL WOODEN
FRAME TO GO WITH
MY MUGSHOT PHOTOS!

JUST TELL ME
YOU DIDNT DO IT!

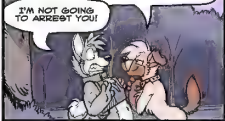
OKAY, I DIDNT LEAVE
THE LIMO'S UNDERCARRIAGE
INTACT

FOX, I FEEL YOU. IT'S A REALLY STRESSFUL THING TO LEARN YOU WERE WRONG, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AT THIS POINT BUT TAKE HER BACK TO THE STATION



THE TALKING BUTT IS RIGHT, YOU NEED TO ARREST ME, OFFICER!

I'M NOT GOING TO ARREST YOU!



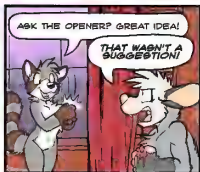
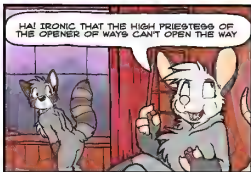
OH, PRETTY PLEASE? I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE DRAGGED AWAY IN CUFFS BY A DOG IN UNIFORM~

EEP!



GUYS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE? GUYS?!





OH OPENER,
I BEEBEECH
YOU, PLEASE
OPEN THE
WAY FOR THESE
POOR LOST
SOULS!



I AM HERE, YOU COULD
ALWAYS ASK THE
REGULAR WAY



THIS IS THE
REGULAR WAY!





LOOK, I'LL HELP SO LONG
AS YOU PROMISE NOT TO WRITE
IT IN THE ANNALS OF OPENERDOM
OR WHATEVER!

ABSOLUTELY!



NOW, HOW DID THEY GET POOH OUT
OF RABBIT'S DEN?

A LOT OF PUSHING



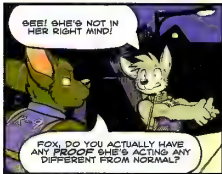
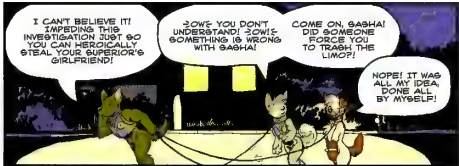
NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU DON'T
SEEM TO HAAAH--

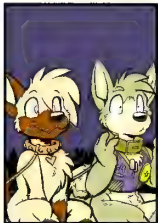


PRaise the
OPENER!

I SAID NO!

NOT WRITING
IT DOWN!







MUNGO? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN! WE'VE HAD A CAR OUT LOOKING FOR YOU AND--

SORRY, I HAVE A VERY LONG REPORT TO FILL OUT

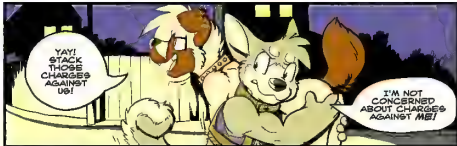


BUT WE HAVE THE PERSON OF INTEREST WITH US, WE'LL NEED A CAR TO HOLD HER. WE'RE LOCATED DOWN AT--

HOLD THAT THOUGHT

MUNGO GET BACK HERE





ROMANTIC MOVIE, ROMANTIC DINNER,
ROMANTIC FETCH BALL~

ARE YOU SURE YOU
AREN'T GOING A LITTLE
OVERBOARD FOR
A SLEEPOVER?

OUR ADVENTURE IN THE PAST GOT ME
THINKING, TAROT HAS FEELINGS TOO

I NEED TO START PAYING ATTENTION
TO HER RATHER THAN MERELY
ACKNOWLEDGING HER PRESENCE!

HI PEANUT,
EXCUSE ME

OKAY!

I'M A GOOD BOYFRIEND!





HURRY! I NEED YOU TO CHECK
OVER SASHA RIGHT AWAY--YOU
MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONE WHO
CAN HELP!

CLAK

WHY ME?

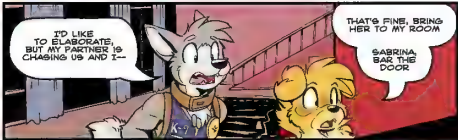


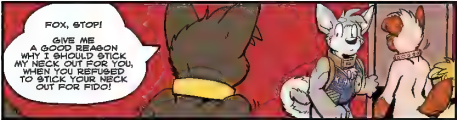
BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN
TELL ME FOR SURE IF ~~SOMEONE ELSE~~
IS DIRECTLY AFFECTING HER MIND!



AND THAT'S AS SPECIFIC AS YOU CAN GET?

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
THIS STUFF
WORKS!





FOX, STOP!

GIVE ME
A GOOD REASON
WHY I SHOULD STICK
MY NECK OUT FOR YOU,
WHEN YOU REFUSED
TO STICK YOUR NECK
OUT FOR FIDO!



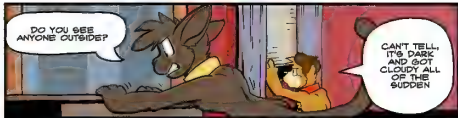
BECAUSE IT'S
THE RIGHT THING TO DO

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS?
I LET YOU PLAY HERO COP
AND THAT MAKES UP FOR
IT ALL?

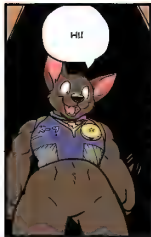
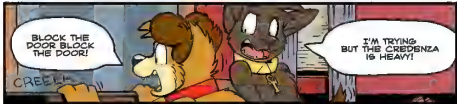


IS FIDO THE ONE CHASING YOU?
YOU EXPECT ME TO STOP HIM WITH
SMOOCHES, OR IS THAT TOO ROUGH
ON YOUR FRAGILE SENSIBILITIES?

LOOKS LIKE THE DAY
IS SAVED AND/OR
THWARTED BY THE
POWER OF LOVE!











MUNGO, PLEASE!
FIFTEEN MORE SECONDS!



I GUESS!



NOT LIKE WE CAN GET IN
MUCH WORSE TROUBLE

THANK YOU

NOW TO COMMENCE
THE RITUAL



LIZARD

THAT'S IT?

I WORK IN
SIMPLE SOLUTIONS!





LATER IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE
... ERR, POLICE HQ



SASHA MENTIONED CUTTING THE BRAKE
LINES CLEANLY, BUT THE BOTTOM OF
THE LIMO WAS COMPLETELY TORN UP

THAT DOESN'T MEAN SHE'D HAVE TO
CUT THEM CLEANLY



NOT NECESSARILY, BUT--IT PUT ME IN
MIND OF THE CRIME SCENE AGAIN

THE HUGE PUDDLE OF AUTO FLUIDS,
DILUTED BY RAIN BUT STILL PUNGENT



SHE DIDN'T SMELL AT ALL LIKE
A CAR, AND THERE WOULD BE NO WAY
TO WASH THAT OFF WITHIN TWELVE
HOURS, EVEN IF YOU SHAVE YOUR FUR

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE?



I'D RATHER NOT
BLABORATE



OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO
FRAME HER--AND SHE WAS GOING
ALONG WITH IT!



BUT THE NARRATIVE WAS IMPERFECT!
SHE WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY RUNNING AWAY
AND ATTEMPTING TO BE CAUGHT!

WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY MAIN LEAD
ON WHO POSSIBLY BRAINWASHED HER--
A SKETCHY OBEDIENCE SCHOOL!
SIR, WE HAVE TO FOLLOW UP
IMMEDIATELY!

GREAT IDEA!



HER JUDGEMENT WAS SUSPENDED--
YES I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
SASHA--BUT SHE WAS ACTING
LIKE A PREPROGRAMMED ROBOT



SHE FOLLOWED PRIOR
INSTRUCTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
THEY MADE SENSE, LIKE "DISGUISE"
HERSELF WITH MAKE-UP

... THAT'S WHY WE HAD THAT
IDEA FIVE HOURS AGO

W-WHAF?





WALK WITH ME, FOX

ORWELL JOHNSON, MEMBER PETA--ALREADY HAD MOTIVE TO KILL MR. MILTON, AS PETA MAINTAINS ANIMALS SHOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE HUMAN JUDICIARY SYSTEMS, WHILE MILTON WAS JUST THAT MORNING FIGHTING TO EXPAND LEGAL COVERAGE OF PETS AND FERALS IN THIS STATE

CAUGHT HIM RETURNING TO HIS VAN OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE

GLOVE COMPARTMENT CONTAINED DIAZEPAM, SAME DRUG THAT WAS IN MILTON'S SYSTEM. IDENTIFIED AS LIMO DRIVER BY SEVERAL WITNESSES

MATCHED PARTIAL PRINT FOUND ON CABLE CUTTERS

YES, HE DID SMELL LIKE AUTO FLUIDS

WE SUSPECTED HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO FRAME A DOG INTO DOING THE DIRTY WORK SINCE HE RUNS, AS YOU SAID, A SKETCHY DOG OBEDIENCE SCHOOL, MEANT TO TRAIN PETS IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES-- THE RAID IS ONGOING AS WE SPEAK

THE POINT IS, FOX, YOU SEEM TO BE UNDER THE IMPRESSION EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS CASE WAS UP TO YOU TO SOLVE

POLICE WORK IS NOT A SUMMER ACTION BLOCKBUSTER

WHY DOES EVERYONE KEEP TELLING ME THAT?!

YOU WANT TO KNOW
WHY I PAIRED YOU WITH
MUNGO IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

HE'S POSITIVE

HE LOVES WORKING
IN GROUPS

AND I THOUGHT WITH
HIM BEING YOUR SENIOR,
THOSE TRAITS WOULD
RUB OFF ON YOU



I UNDERESTIMATED
HOW PERSUASIVE YOU
COULD BE

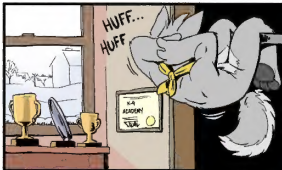
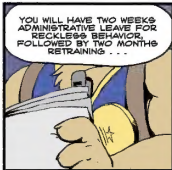
I SUPPOSE
IT WAS JUST OUR BAD
LUCK THIS CASE INVOLVED
SOMEONE YOU HAD
AN ATTACHMENT TO

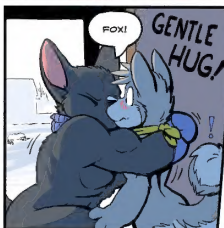


WAS THAT
IN MY FILE TOO?

NO, KEVIN JUST
LIKES TO BLAB
IN THE LOCKER
ROOM ABOUT HIS
GIRLFRIEND







HUH, THE CARD WAS LAMINATED?





I DON'T THINK WE CAN GET OUT

Housepets!
Snow Joke

IT'S FINE!
LET IT SNOW, AS
THE SONG SAYS!



SURE THE POWER'S OUT,
BUT WE GOT FOOD, WE GOT BLANKETS,
WE GOT EACH OTHER, AND IT'S NOT LIKE
WE HAVE ANY PLACE TO BE!
WHAT'S GOT YOU RILED UP?



WHAT WAS THE MARATHON WE
JUST WATCHED? THE THING, THE SHINING,
STORM OF THE CENTURY, THIRTY DAYS
OF NIGHT, MISERY--

YOU COULD HAVE
CHANGED THE CHANNEL
AT ANY TIME!

